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## EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

### THE IRISH OUTRAGES.

LONDON, January 29th.  
Lord French has issued a proclamation offering a reward of £10,000 for information within three months leading to the conviction of any persons guilty of the murders of the fourteen policemen in Ireland since July 30th, last year, including Mr. Redmond, also £1,000 for secret information calculated to lead to the conviction.  
Any informer concerned in the murders, but not actually guilty, is promised free pardon and special protection of the Crown anywhere within the Empire.

### SOMALI MUTINY.

Nairobi, January 29th.  
A Somali platoon in Northern Jubaland mutinied and murdered its commander, Lieutenant Dawson Smith.  
The platoon then deserted and fled towards Somaliland.

### ANOTHER STRIKE IN BOMBAY.

Bombay, January 29th.  
Several thousand employees at the British India Steam Navigation Company's dock have come out on strike, demanding additional pay and a month's pay as bonus.  
A meeting of the Labour Settlement Committee, at which representatives of the cotton mill-owners were present, resolved to make representations to the Governor that the operative were willing to resume work, provided that the mill-owners, considered their demands within four or five days. The Committee also requested the appointment of a representative commission to consider the general situation of mill labour in Bombay.

### MR. ASQUITH'S IMPERIAL POLICY.

LONDON, January 29th.  
Mr. Asquith, speaking at Paisley and discussing constitutional and electoral reform, advocated a second chamber which, to the extent of one-third, should consist of nominated distinguished public servants in non-political spheres such as the Bench or the Civil Service or the Dominions.  
Mr. Asquith said there must be a change in our Imperial system. A marked pre-war feature was the growing disposition to take into confidence the representatives of the great self-governing Dominions. That procedure had been developed. We must have a very loose and elastic system, not bound by red tape or any permanent convention, under which, in all vital questions of Imperial policy affecting the Empire as a whole, you may be able to bring into consultation with the Imperial Cabinet in London, the Dominions as free partners with us in that, gigantic institution which had grown up almost by a series of miracles, namely, the British Empire. (Cheers.)  
Mr. Asquith did not favour the scheme of an Imperial Parliament in which the Dominions would be directly represented, but he said that he would promote and increase inter-communication between ourselves at Home and the Colonies. The only way to keep the Empire intact was to combine Imperial unity with complete local autonomy. (Cheers.)

### FATE OF FLENSBURG.

FLENSBURG, January 29th.  
German troops overran the town this afternoon, marching to the station with bands playing and banners flying.  
Their departure was witnessed by large crowds.  
The German Burgomaster, addressing the troops, said he felt sure that they will soon return to the German town of Flensburg.

### REPARATIONS COMMISSION.

PARIS, January 29th.  
At 3 o'clock this afternoon, M. Millerand presided at the installation of the Reparations Commission at Hotel Astoria.  
In the course of an eloquent inaugural address the Premier emphasised the Commission's grave responsibility in carrying out Article 233 of the Versailles Treaty relative to reparation for war damage. He pointed out that it was the Commission's task to fix, by May 1st, 1921, the amount of Germany's indebtedness.  
Continuing, he said: "Justice, equity, good faith, be your sole inspiration and guide. The peoples, who paid for their heroic resistance to barbarism and crime with such misery and devastation, have their eyes fixed on you. That the blood and lives of our sons have not been offered in vain depends upon a great measure on the application brought to bear on the enormous task confronting you; on your persistency in countering tricks to which the debtors may have recourse; and on your firmness in exacting complete discharge of the obligations which fall far short of the actual damage suffered."  
Subsequently M. Jonnart was elected President, the Italian delegate, Signor Bortolin, Vice-President, and Mr. Salter (Great Britain) Secretary-General.

### THE NEW AUSTRIA.

BRUNN, January 29th.  
Replying to a question in the Austrian National Assembly, the Chancellor, Dr. Renner said the report was incorrect that a treaty had been concluded with Czechoslovakia, although a far-reaching agreement had been reached in view and aims in respect of countries whose foreign policy was based on the Peace of St. Germain.

## EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

### IMPERIAL STATISTICAL CONFERENCE.

LONDON, January 29th.  
The Empire Statistical Conference continues to sit. So far it has agreed to the principle of establishing an Empire statistical bureau. The question of the classification of commodities has been referred to a Committee at the various representatives showed the necessity of several different classifications.  
Mr. Findlay Shirras (India) was of opinion that, in view of the intimate trade relations between India, and Great Britain, it would be better for India to adopt the practice introduced into the United Kingdom.  
Mr. Cousins (South Africa) raised the question of the need of uniformity in the units of quantity and value, and finally agreed to local units of weight, measure and value to continue in local returns, and that the work of translation into Imperial units in the returns dealing with the Imperial Statistical Bureau.  
The Conference generally favoured the adoption of the calendar year for statistical purposes, but Mr. George Knibbs (Australia) favoured a year ending in June.

### SERIOUS TYPHOID OUTBREAK.

STOCKHOLM, January 29th.  
The Svenska Dagbladet learns from Reval that a typhoid epidemic amongst the Russian troops has caused 8,000 deaths. The hospitals have been isolated and guarded. The situation is grave owing to the lack of medicines.

### BRITISH PRISONERS IN RUSSIA.

COPENHAGEN, January 29th.  
M. Livinoff informed Reuter's correspondent that the Soviet Government has agreed to his recommendation to release the immediate release of Captain Browne and all other British wounded, adding that they are probably already on their way home, via Estonia.  
M. Livinoff further stated that in response to the Extraordinary Commission's recent representations the Soviet Government has now abolished capital punishment for political crimes.

### TRADING WITH RUSSIA.

WASHINGTON, January 29th.  
The State Department has enquired of the Allies if they now propose to resume trade with Russia through the Co-operative Societies, without dealing with the Soviet Government.  
American officials are anxious to resume trade with Russia, if it would not involve a recognition of the Bolsheviks, and if it is certain that goods sent to Russia will not be confiscated and used to increase the power of the Soviet. Representatives of a number of important American firms met to organize an American-Russian Trade Board to promote commerce with Soviet Russia.

### FIRE IN GERMAN HANGARS.

BERLIN, January 29th.  
A tremendous conflagration, the cause of which is not yet clear, destroyed seventy aeroplanes, including two giant machines, which were lying in hangars at Warnemunde, ready for handing over to the Allies.

### THE SILVER MARKET.

LONDON, January 29th.  
Messrs. Montagu's report states that the sharp fall in the price of silver on January 18th, was due to the sale of a considerable amount of melted coin from abroad, but the parity with New York, owing to the weakness of exchange, was so much higher that the market is buoyant. China has shown interest, but the rising price hindered business in that quarter. Two significant indications that the doom of silver as a monetary subsidiary coin in many countries is imminent, were given during the week, namely, the German Reichsbank's decision to pay in paper currency for the German silver coin and the introduction of the Bill in the United States Congress authorizing the Federal Reserve Banks to issue notes of various denominations down to one and two dollars, also providing for reducing the quality of the silver coin to 8.

### SPAIN DISAPPROVES.

BERLIN, January 29th.  
The Zuechtfuhrblatt states that Spain does not approve of the new German Ambassador, Herr Rosen, and foresees a fresh appointment.

### LOOKING FOR BEDS.

We know of sixteen Europeans looking for house accommodation in Kuala Lumpur. The hotels are generally full. Local travellers may and sometimes do find it impossible to get a room. F. M. S. Railways, allow such people to sleep in the waiting room if they cannot find any other place to go to. And is it not something approaching a scandal that while such a state of affairs exists, the old Rest House should have been lying empty for weeks? Could not the Government arrange with the Empire Hotel or the Selangor Club to provide temporary sleeping accommodation here for stranded newcomers?—M. M.

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## BASKET BALL.

### THE HONGKONG STUDENTS' BASKET BALL LEAGUE.

The League game between Ying Wah College and the University was played off on the Chinese M.C.A. Ground on Friday at 4.30 p.m. and resulted in a win for the Varsity players.  
Cheung Kong Cha and Au Ping Kwong did good work for the College, while Pao and Wong starred for the Varsity. The scores follow:  
YING WAH COLLEGE 11.  
UNIVERSITY 19.  
B.F.T.P.  
0001—Lee R. F. Au—1310  
3310—Pao L. F. Ng—0010  
4000—Wong C. Cheung—2201  
1020—Tan R. G. Fung—0020  
0020—Hul G. Chan S.Y.—0000  
—R. G. Chan U.K.—0000

Referee:—Mr. K. D. Yang.  
B. Field Goals—2 pts; F. Foul Throws—1 pt; T. Technical Fouls; P. Personal Fouls.

### THE GOVERNMENT'S IMPORTS AND EXPORTS REGULATION BILL.

The Bill introduced into the House of Commons by the Government for the regulation of imports and exports is one of the most important measures brought forward in this session of parliamentary sessions. It is an attempt to meet the difficulties which proved of such grave consequence in the early years of the war, when it was established that some of the industries vital to the supply of munitions of war had been impaired by "dumping" on the part of competing nations in Europe, and by the complacency of some of our industrialists who were too short-sighted to realise that by purchasing in the cheapest market they were making themselves dependent on other nations, who were ready to take advantage of our weakness when occasion arose. One significant instance was that brought out by the committee presided over by Lord Balfour of Burleigh, a noted Free Trade Unionist. Proof was adduced by the committee that the dumping of German forgings had prevented some of our gun-makers from continuing to modernise their presses in order to enable a sufficiency of big guns to be constructed. Similarly, owing to the absence of the somewhat inappropriately called "key" industries some munitions could not be produced. For instance, because we had bought all magnetos from Germany, we were unable to complete aircraft and other petrol engines for a long time after the outbreak of the war until the magnetofactories had been organised. The Bill now introduced attempts to rectify such serious defects in our industrial organisation. Another trade problem has arisen quite lately, owing to the great difference in foreign exchange, and the Government have tried to find a solution for the excessive importation of goods due to the rate of exchange being against us.

The Bill is in no sense a Tariff Reform measure. Judged on this standard, it would be utterly rejected by those who have advocated changes in our fiscal system. On the other hand it will, if honestly applied, put an end to that measure of Free Trade which has been a drawback to some branches of our manufactures. The war has brought enlightenment on the economics of international trade, and has established the view that employment cannot be maintained for all if we refuse to do to others as we do to us, or if we permit them to do to us that which they object to us doing to them. Instead of imposing tariffs, the Bill provides for the prohibition of imports of goods which come within a certain definition of "dumped goods" and others affecting key industries, but some of these can be introduced by the licence granted by the Board of Trade, on payment to the Board, and thence to the Treasury, of sums of money equal to the difference in the foreign value and the "import price" or the "price of first sale."

Similarly, in the case of imports influenced by adverse rates of exchange, a corresponding sum has to be paid according to the difference between the sterling value of the imported goods and the price at which similar goods manufactured in the United Kingdom can be sold. The principles of the Bill may be accepted generally, but the machinery for carrying them into effect requires to be simplified. Moreover, the carrying into effect of the measure must, in many instances, be made obligatory rather than optional on the part of the Board of Trade.—Engineering.

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11" x 1" x 1/2"  
14 Bars Oval Chisel Steel  
each 1" x 1" x 1/2"  
3" x 1"  
4 Bars Round Punching Steel  
each 1" x 1" x 1/2"  
11" x 1" x 1/2"  
12" x 2"Terms:—Cash on delivery.  
GEO. P. LAMBERT,  
Auctioneer.  
Hongkong, January 30, 1920.

## INTIMATIONS.

## NOTICE.

THE ANNUAL OPEN BILLIARD  
CHAMPIONSHIP of the Colony  
held under the auspices of the Victoria  
Recreation Club.  
Entries close on 31st January and  
are to be accompanied by entrance fee  
of \$2.  
The number of points to be played  
and other arrangements will be decided  
at a Meeting of the Competitors.  
The competition is open to all in the  
Colony.R. H. B. MITCHELL,  
Hon. Secretary,  
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## REPULSE BAY HOTEL.

## TO-DAY

(SATURDAY), 31st January, 1920.  
TEA DANCING from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.  
DINNER DANCING from 8 p.m.  
On these occasions the charge for  
Tea will be \$1.00 per head, and for  
Table d'Hôte Dinner at \$3.00 per head,  
exclusive of wines.J. H. TAGGART,  
Manager.  
Hongkong, January 28, 1920.In connection with the Tea and  
Dinner Dances at the Repulse Bay  
Hotel on Wednesdays, Saturdays and  
Sundays, MOTOR BUSES will leave  
at the following times, irrespective of  
the number of tickets sold:—

| DEPARTURE | RETURN       |
|-----------|--------------|
| 3.15 P.M. | 7 P.M.       |
| 7 P.M.    | 11 P.M.      |
| 8.30 P.M. | 12 MIDNIGHT. |

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## NEWS FROM HOME.

## A RECORD CHRISTMAS.

LONDON, Nov. 27.  
In spite of all temptations to look  
solely on heavy taxation and the  
high cost of living, the average  
Briton intends to make merry this  
Christmas and to give the wife and  
all the family more expensive pre-  
sents than ever before. No matter  
where one inquires, the answer is  
the same: "There never was such  
early or such lavish shopping."The dark-browed observers stand  
aloof and whisper warnings about  
the prosperity being founded on arti-  
ficial bases, but the man and woman  
with plenty of ready money—espe-  
cially those to whom the experience is  
novel—are not disposed to think  
about to-morrow overmuch. Today  
is flourishing and the only thing  
worth buying is the best.There are flies in the ointment for  
business men, the biggest and ugliest  
being the fearful railway delays, but  
the fact remains that in most lines  
the demand exceeds the supply and  
orders can be had either at home or  
abroad for the asking. Especially is  
this the case in matters of clothing  
and adornment. All the world wants  
new clothes and all the world seems  
to want the fine quality.Arising out of this is a tremendous  
demand for textiles, and combina-  
tions of Lancashire mills have been  
effected that have brought to their  
former owners unexpected wealth, for  
mills have changed hands at four and  
five times the price originally paid.  
Some rugged diamonds of human-  
ity are therefore to-day suddenly  
transformed into men of wealth. It  
is to the credit of Lancashire that  
many of them have risen from the  
lower ranks have kept their heads  
serenely under the shower of gold.  
Their plans for the future are on  
perfectly sober lines.Within a month, about forty well-  
known mills have changed hands  
like this. The prices paid, though  
high, are not out of reason, for the  
building cost to-day would be pro-  
hibitive and meanwhile there is big  
money to be made with the spindles  
and looms.

## WHISKY RUSH.

Directly the restrictions on the  
withdrawal of whisky from bond  
were removed, there was a wild rush  
to the retailers for supplies. Many  
have, however, been disappointed,  
for two years of non-distilling have  
left the stocks of mature spirit low,  
and merchants are unwilling to sell  
all they have directly it becomes three  
years old. So most of them are unable  
to give out more than they have been  
doing under restrictions. Those who  
do give out more are under suspicion,  
for there are great quantities of  
American rye spirit here, and much  
of it is being removed from bond.  
The trade papers are frankly sceptical  
about this spirit being sold for what  
it is, and they predict that it will beblended with Scotch whisky "which  
is very bad for the Scotch whisky  
trade."We have enormous supplies of  
rum and port on hand, but there has  
lately been a falling-off in the dem-  
and for port. Large consignments  
of Californian wines are also here.

## INDUSTRIAL CHINA.

In the new order of the world,  
business men are becoming increas-  
ingly interested in the Far East and  
its influence on the future. Japanese  
manufactures have penetrated so far  
that there is general apprehension,  
in spite of the fact that several lines,  
notably hosiery, have not satisfied  
purchasers for long.Professor Middleton Smith, of  
Hongkong University, lectures to-  
night at the China Society, on  
"Industrial Changes in China," and  
Mr. H. B. Morse, late statistical  
secretary, Imperial Maritime Customs,  
lectured to the Royal Society of Arts  
yesterday on "British Trade in  
China."

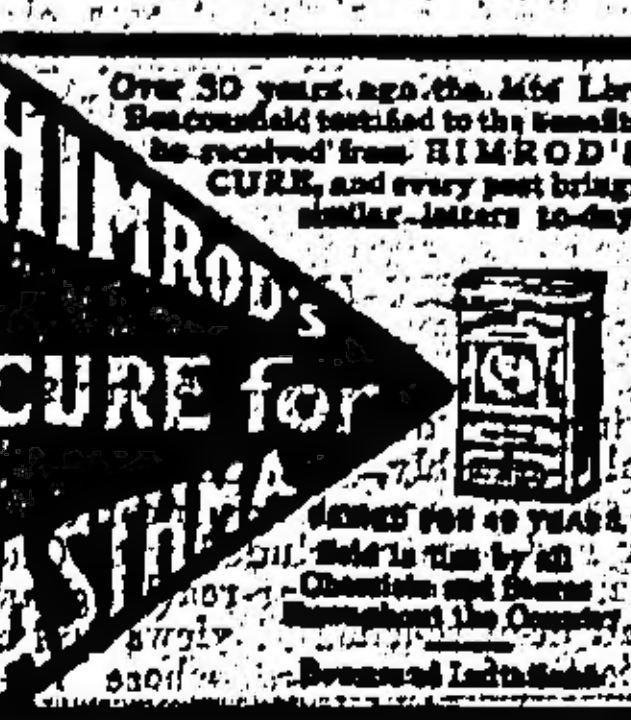
## RAILWAY DELAYS.

If any merchant in Hongkong has  
been disappointed by not receiving a  
consignment from England, it is ten  
to one that the ship was missed  
through the delays on the railways.  
The indictment against the Govern-  
ment on this head is appalling read-  
ing. I have documents before me  
showing that works have had to close  
because they slipped up with manu-  
factured products through the failure  
of the railways to collect. On the other  
hand, many firms have had to take  
extra storage space for empties, that  
have accumulated for months through  
the failure of the railways to effect a  
clearance.There are cases where wagons  
have been on the road for a fort-  
night, covering a distance of 25  
miles. In the West of England,  
mills have been on the verge of closing,  
because they could not get long-  
accumulated supplies of grain from  
the docks. In Wales, the collieries  
have lost enormously in production  
for the same reason—the shortage  
of trucks.All this is accumulating at the  
door of the new Ministry of Trans-  
port. Sir Eric Geddes will shortly  
meet business men in various parts  
of the country, and his task will be  
no light one if he hopes to satisfy  
them with anything short of evidence  
of early improvement.The whole thing hangs on what  
the policy of the Government will  
be. Are wagons owned by private  
owners to be taken over? What is  
the position of the railway companies  
to be? Until these questions are  
answered there will be no solution in  
the direction of the companies order-  
ing an adequate supply of wagons.  
Meanwhile manufacturers in Sheffield,  
Birmingham, and elsewhere, are filling  
the letter bags of M.P.s. and others  
with complaints of missed ships and  
lost contracts through this railway  
break on trade.

## STEAMSHIP RUSH.

I wanted to arrange a passage for  
a man to the Far East this week, and  
went gaily to the shipping offices  
and asked for the arrangements for  
January. "Oh," said one line, "we  
are not booking any more at pre-  
sent. We are booked up to next  
June."So I tried another, only to be told,  
"No, we are registering no more  
names until January."  
A third said, "No chance eastward.  
You might manage to get one man  
through via San Francisco about  
March."All three offices were simply pack-  
ed with people trying to make ar-  
rangements.

## BEASTLY WEATHER.

Nor is this a pleasant place to be  
in just now, except at intervals. Ice-  
land, the weather-wise tell us, "has  
thrown out feelers." Whatever they  
may be, we have had alternate days  
of brightness and clammy moisture.  
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people with bronchial complaints by  
the thousand and the doctors are  
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nates between the bitterly cold and  
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## The China Mail.

"NEWS, JUSTICE, PUBLIC SERVICE."

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, JAN. 30, 1920.

### BRITISH TRADE.

We are all interested in the successful promotion of British trade here.

Having got rid of German competition, we have now to look about and consider other handicaps.

American and Japanese competition cannot fairly be called a handicap. It should be our stimulant, our incentive. There is no objection that we can fairly raise to it.

What else? In the course of the next few days readers of the China Mail will for the first time in the history of Hongkong meet some very plainly spoken disclosures of overlooked handicaps on British trade.

We are going to raise the question of how far the local business activities of the French Foreign Mission and the Credit Foncier are a direct menace to British trade interests.

We are going to try to get a clearer idea of how far the private interests of members of the Executive Council can be said to square with their public responsibilities as such.

Incidentally we may discover how far the Princely House of Jardine is an advantage to the progress of British trade, by the energy and acumen it devotes to furthering the interests of the many British firms it represents. Is it making headway for them or is it losing ground?

Such questions are relevant and important. If a patriotic Briton in an outpost desiring a machine prefers a British one but cannot after taking considerable trouble get the data he requires, is he to be blamed for buying an American machine whose agents upon receipt of his first hint overwhelm him with full and exact particulars?

That query is based upon one of the interesting little histories in our accumulating dossier.

We have others.

Everybody has heard of the wicked and unscrupulous ways the Germans had of capturing trade that should have been ours. It is common gossip how they gave unduly long credits, and did other unbusinesslike stunts to get the business.

Not everyone has heard of the way in which some of our trade fell into German laps, without Fritz having to do a darn thing but sit still and smile.

The China Mail has heard of these things, and is proposing to inaugurate right now a "Wake Up" campaign that ought to be as useful as it will certainly be interesting.

Those who buy the China Mail oftenest will see the most. Keep your eye upon us as closely as do some of the "interests." There's a war on.

### ADVERSARIA.

AN OFFENDED READER. We have received a long letter from a visitor to the Colony who is a lover of reading, and was using the

Public Library. He argues that such an institution as a public reading room should never be closed, even temporarily, for such a purpose as providing cloak rooms, etc., for a dance. He refers to the preparations for the Engineers' Ball. It has, we believe, been done for other balls, and it is only accidental that the Engineers happen to be the first to be held responsible for this grievance, which has some justice. Perhaps in the future some other arrangements can be made that will not disturb the readers for days at a time. We apologise to our visitor for the shock to his feelings, and for not publishing his letter—the purpose of which, he should agree, may be better served by this paragraph.

INTERESTING THEATRE PROSECUTION. In the course of yesterday's prosecution of a local theatre manager for allowing people to sleep in his theatre, it was stated by the prosecution that there was no particular suggestion of any harm done or likely to be done, but that the prosecution was merely because something had been done that was forbidden by Ordinance. That position is not assailable. While laws are laws, we suppose they must be enforced; but oh! we do hate the spirit of such purposeless prosecutions. An amusing argument comes out from Home that has illustrative value. Some Gloucestershire Councillors were discussing a proposal to standardize cottage homes, and to insert in all housing schemes a provision that no more than two persons may occupy a bedroom at the same time. "Suppose," said one of them, "that the mother had twins. What would happen then?" Were it in Hongkong, we now know what would happen in such a case. The prosecution would mention, quite nonchalantly, that there is no objection to three in a bedroom, as long as they are contrary to Ordinance, they must prosecute. And it is certain that a Hongkong magistrate would thereupon impose a fine.

TALKING OF HOUSING. HOUSING why are people so foolish as to go on building houses on unsafe ledges of the foggy Peak, difficult of access, extra expensive, and permanently inconvenient, now that the new roads

have opened up sites on the more salubrious southern coast? Even Shaokwan were preferable. We could guess a few reasons, if pressed for them.

The Government always has a thousand dollars or so to spare for the incidental expenses of doubtful schemes. May we suggest a sensible way of investing a similar trifle? Why not, at this stage in our island history, when homebuilding must begin soon, have a prize competition for architectural designs? We have yet to find the ideal Hongkong flat, and we have yet to hit upon the best design for a small home of four or five rooms. A couple of decent prizes offered, not excluding government servants, should furnish the Government with very valuable data.

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### LOCAL AND GENERAL.

To-day's dollar is worth 5s. 5½d.

A movement is afoot at Hankow to convert the former German Concession into an International Settlement.

Bishop Lander who has this week held confirmations at Kowloon and Hakkon, will confirm and preach at Canton to-morrow.

The wedding of Mr. Abbas, el Arcoll to Miss Halima Madar takes place to-morrow at 8 p.m. at 175 Wanchai Road, the bride's residence.

Consignees of cargo by the s.s. "Annam" are reminded that goods not cleared by Monday, become subject to rent. An examination of goods takes place the same day at 10 a.m.

Undelivered cargo by the s.s. "West Cajot" becomes subject to rent after to-morrow. Damaged cargo will be examined on Monday, at 10 a.m.

Having been in the Far East for 9 years without leave, Mr. A. G. Stephen, manager of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, at Shanghai, and Mrs. Stephen, leave for Home by the "Empress of Asia," on April 10.

Mr. N. L. Smith had before him this morning nearly 30 hawkers charged with hawking, without a licence, and with causing obstruction of public thoroughfares. They were dealt with by fines ranging from \$2 to \$4.

Admiral Yoshida, of the Japanese Navy arrived this morning on H.I.M.S. "Nissin" (Capt. Kimura Kuchi) and made an official landing at Blake Pier, at 11 a.m. H.I.M.S. "Tone" accompanied the Nissin under command of Captain Tunematsu.

Wu Chichu, the vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Military Government, has addressed a letter to the Tschun stating that the Portuguese Consul and the British vice-Consul conferred with the Military Commandant on January 29 and suggested the appointment of a special commission to discuss the question of demarcation of boundaries between Macao and China. Meanwhile, the reclamation work on the Ching-chow shores will be stopped.

The girl students of the Canton Normal School who have been on strike for over a month, marched in a body to the Civil Governor's yamen to hand over a petition reiterating their request that a qualified person be appointed to replace the present principal of the school. The Governor was not in his yamen at the time, and the girls were informed that the Governor is looking for a competent person to take charge of the school, and that they should return to school.

Before Mr. J. R. Wood this morning, a Chinese who was arrested on the Lee Yuen wharf, where he was found to be in possession of 160 taels of prepared non-Government opinion concealed in his girdle and in his shoes, pleaded that the drug was given him by another man to carry. As he could not give the man's name or address, his Worship convicted him and passed sentence of \$1,000 fine or 6 months. The drug was confiscated.

Before Mr. N. L. Smith this morning, a Chinese was charged with the unlawful possession of a revolver in Connaught Road yesterday. He said that he had lived for nearly 45 years in America, and had arrived in the Colony only a few days ago. The revolver was given him by a friend in Shanghai. He did not know that it was unlawful to possess a revolver in Hongkong, otherwise he would have taken out a licence. It was for self-protection. The Police said that the revolver was found tied round the defendant's right calf. His Worship imposed a fine of \$100, and ordered the revolver to be confiscated.

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### NEW JURORS LIST.

The jurors list for 1920 is posted up at the front door of the Law Courts. Have a look at it. If your name is on it, and shouldn't be, notify Mr. Melbourne. He gives you up to Feb 15 for that.

"WALLA WALLA" MOTOR boats are built for your service.

### SPECIAL CABLE.

#### SHANGHAI SURPRISED.

[CHINA MAIL SPECIAL.]

SHANGHAI, January 31. Constable Allen, whom the Jury acquitted on an opium robbery charge, has been dismissed from the municipal police, although Sir Haviland de Saumarez, the chief judge, in discharging the accused, expressed the hope that Allen would be reinstated. His dismissal has caused surprise.

#### THE ENGINEER'S BALL.

#### A "ROYAL FLUSH" AFFAIR.

The annual Ball of the Institute of Engineers and Shipbuilders was held last night, at the City Hall, and was attended by "everybody who is anybody" and most of the "people." The refreshing blast of the "people" made good air and the genial hospitality of the spannermen made for happiness. Engineers are nothing if not candid—they say what they mean and they mean what they say. They said they meant us all to enjoy this ball, and they made us do so. Everything ran sweetly and the bunks were full. The decorations were superb and the arrangements superb. The "oil tank" was superb. The "Alice in Wonderland" looking-glass was "superb" (particularly at about 11.30 p.m.). The decorative scheme was carried out undoubtedly by engineers, for the entrance hall was a mass of vegetation (dearly beloved of the engine room) with red Chinese lanterns arranged with a symmetry very noticeable. To mark the passing of time and the attendant advance in engineering was a model of the "Victory" and a model of a present day battleship also a very clever working model of a "stern wheeler" evidencing early attempts at substituting steam for sail. As usual, all temptations were provided for. There was the card room with a suggestive sign that somebody had the "fifth ace and opposite, the greaser's 'alory hole' where 'lubricants of every description were on tap' and nothing said about the portage bill (which, by the way, will be heavy) and upstairs the two halls, for lovers of the dance, were arranged in such manner as to make dancing a pleasure even to the "duty dancers." The crest of the Institute was, of course, much in evidence and the artistic monogram was cleverly arranged in electric lights at the landing. For the rest there were flags, evergreens and coloured electric lights in profusion and we must bracket the "Engineers' Ball" and heat with the other three which passed the post of hospitality. Those who carried out the decorations have nothing to reproach themselves with and we look forward to 1921 when the propeller will stop again, for just "a night."

The guests included H. E. the Governor, Admiral Duff and Miss Duff, Major-General Ventris, the Hon. Mr. Claud Severn, Sir William Rees-Davies and Lady Rees-Davies and Commodore and Mrs. Gunner. The Band of the Wilshire was in attendance, and played perfectly for the twenty odd dances on the programme.



## THE WEEK'S CHAT.

At last I feel that it is just possible that I have not lived in vain, and that all the spade work I have put into my "Weekly Chat" may be beginning to have results.

Last Saturday I repeated a statement that was having wide circulation and causing dissatisfaction; on Tuesday this repetition called forth an indignant denial which I welcomed as a healthy sign of aroused interest. The only quarrel I have with the writer who appends the name of "Facts" is that the letter conveys the impression that I have made a statement which is open to correction, whereas, my notes distinctly say that, a number of people have expressed resentment, etc., etc., that was my statement and it was a true one.

The denial of any cause for dissatisfaction is backed up by a few words from my editor and I hope that the many people who are, according to "Facts" labouring under a misapprehension will be satisfied, for I am sure that the editor of the *China Mail* would not have added his comments without first taking steps to find out that his information was correct.

I have repeatedly drawn attention to the fact that, as my name and the title of my column imply, I deal in rumour and repeat the "Week's Chat." I go on the modern principle of curing a dangerous disease by the injection of serum from the same germ, let the little mischievous bugs loose, and let them fight each other till one or both die. That is the only way to treat scandal.

It is sometimes difficult to find the germ that is doing the mischief. More often than not rumour is based on a half truth and by bringing it out into cold uncondemned print one may serve an excellent purpose. But the trouble about scandal carriers is they are not always conscious of their power for evil, they are the weak tools in the hands of the mischief maker.

Evil stories or worse still, intangible and horrible insinuations are spread without the slightest regard for the consequences. People pull each other's characters to pieces in verbal racklessness, for the pure joy of being bright and entertaining, and any unscrupulous person who has a secret grudge against a man or woman, uses the human weaknesses of their friends to damn a reputation or ruin the chances in business and society of the object of their animosity. In a big place it is not very easy to use one's social or business influence to vent a private spite but in a small place like Hongkong the power of each individual for good or ill is appalling and the responsibility is shared by all.

I think if the ducking pond could be instituted for all scandal spreaders male or female, life would become more desirable and people would get a better chance to find out the good in each other. We should learn that no one is as bad as their kind friends paint them, when they are absent, or as good as they would have them believe that they believe them to be. Scandal as a tool for persecution is in common use in this Colony.

I am not writing about chat or rumour now, but about an actual state of affairs, acknowledged by all and regretted by a few. In some cases the victims know that they are up against some hidden and cowardly enemy. They do their best to get at the root of the trouble and find out who has started the scandal, but fear of the law courts, or perhaps only fear of the loss of a useful friend, creates an atmosphere of semi-silence which is difficult to penetrate.

You can fight a thing you see, a man or woman who comes into the open.

I know of a man who had not been two days in this Colony before some one got busy about his reputation; no definite charges were made. Definite charges might result in definite replies. The man does not know what, or who is fighting, and yet he is likely to find his career in this country to which he is a new comer, uphill and perhaps impossible. A few people refuse to credit or notice indefinite charges but the majority even the charitable and kind hearted, believe the true old saying that, there is no smoke without fire.

I know two women here whose careers have been temporarily ruined by similar treatment. I say temporarily, because I am a believer in the eventual triumph of courage and truth, over underhand and cowardly assailants.

One is told repeatedly by the Disciples of Expediency that it pays to watch without attempting to interfere, to tolerate persecution of oneself and of others because it is no good kicking against existing circumstances and the customs of the place you live in. "Be discreet," they say. "Do not offend anyone, and you will keep clear of trouble." That is not the policy of the fighter, nor was it the policy of the Round Table, or of the millions of men, who answered the call of their King and Country.

The Gossip has enlisted under the banner of a fighting paper, a paper which stands for frankness at all costs, and for getting at the bottom of

lies, and of grievances, and wrongs. By the way Mr. Policemen, you did not read my remarks about squeeze very carefully, or you would not have imagined that I was having a hit at the police; on the contrary, like Mr. Gilbert of light opera fame, I say "A splendid force the police," a force, especially in this country whose dangers and risks entitle it, to the best of treatment and the best of pay, but a force whose calling is such, that if the members are underpaid, we could not entirely blame them if temptation occasionally proved stronger than conscience. Read the offending words again Mr. Policemen and you will see that I was humbly trying to fight your battles and, better, your conditions. Sometimes I get tired of fighting, but only when the people I am trying to help misunderstand me. Other times everything seems worth while. It is such a great thing to win the finest victory, to nail one's lie, to help one person. The pleasant incidents in life, the little acts of kindness, or of gratitude are the bright spots in one's memory; the bad things even those that seemed like a knock out blow at the time are soon forgotten and obscured by the buoyant optimism that helps to see us through.

But it does not do to allow oneself to forget all the bad things that have happened. Too much washing out of the memory of early struggles can be very bad in its effect on human understanding and charity, as for instance the successful business man forgetting that life was not always the easy thing for him it is to-day and that unless people had treated him fairly and giving him his chance, he might still be painfully fighting his way from the shadow into the sunshine.

It is not customary for contributors, regular or irregular on the *China Mail* staff to throw bouquets at each other, quite the contrary, but I really cannot help expressing a word of admiration, for our friend the "Adversarialist," I am not going to say that I do not get frightfully annoyed with him sometimes, because there are occasions when the word he writes seems to bristle with egotism, especially when he criticises some unfortunate colleague. For instance one day he will tell us he is an expert in art another in music. The only thing he doesn't really brag about is his supreme cleverness in writing, and in always adopting that light and humorous touch which stings and spurs one, to find out what hidden depths lie under the laughing surface. I am if not incognito at any rate playing at the game of invisibility and I hear quite a lot of talk about the *China Mail*, a few scathing but not very intelligent criticisms, and a number of clever appreciations. They all interest me and with a view to helping to keep the flag flying, I pass them on all adverse and laudatory, and I am glad to say the latter are daily increasing.

I like the Adversarialist because he makes me laugh. Not just a thin laugh that is forgotten quickly but the sort of laugh that gurgles out from inside, and that comes back again every time you recall the humorous passage; like the one about the fountain pen Battery or the Gas Company, which appeared last night, in connection with the Volunteer ordinance.

Mr. Pollock seems to be having a busy time in the Legislative Council, he has got right on to the town grievances. I think it is a pity his suggestion that a Public Works Committee should meet at regular intervals, was modified to the idea that it should meet at the call of an expressed necessity. If the Committee met regularly even as often as once a month, it would possibly find time to consider the most rapid means of settling burning questions.

We have had two wretched days of muggy fog; it was not all honey dancing at the Peak Hotel, on Thursday night, because people would go out on to the roof garden and bring chunks of fog back on the soles of their boots. The place was almost crowded out, first at dinner and later at the dance; there were nearly seventy guests at dinner alone, and some of the dresses worn were really beautiful. Quite the prettiest was in scarlet georgette, made in a wide belt bodice of gold and black gauze with angel sleeves; a pretty nut brown dress was worn by a girl with nut brown hair. Bright colours stood out against the sombre hues of the men's clothes and many black frocks, the gayness of the uniforms is missing, since new army orders permit officers to come in muffled. There was a very strong naval and military contingent. The only complaints I heard were from the men who could not get enough partners. We selfish women folk, did not mind a bit. There was a strong conspiracy to unearth a gramophone after the band had left. People did not want to go home, but gradually the lights went out and the finger of late pointed home.

On the first of February a first class hair dressing establishment is to be opened at the Peak Hotel. It will be very convenient for residents on the Peak as well as guests at the hotel.

THE GOSSIP.

January 30, 1920.

## DO YOU COUGH?

DON'T overstrain the fine membrane of your throat by trying to dislodge the phlegm. Chin-e-lain Cough Remedy will accomplish this for you, and quite the only way is saving it. For sale by all Chemists and Storekeepers.

## CIGAR SECRETS.

There is no chance of cigars getting cheaper. They are going up. The days of the fourpenny and sixpenny cigar are gone for ever. A shilling is the lowest price for a smokable Havana.

The duty on Havana cigars is 15s. 7d. per lb. It is the same for all qualities. The Havana factories, with increased cost of labour, have put up their prices considerably. Then there are higher rates for freight and insurance. Reflect that the price is fixed in dollars and the exchange is against us, and you will see why prices soar.

All the *cigarreros* in connection with cigars have also gone up. The gold and red rings are expensive. It is an extraordinary fact that many people will not buy a cigar unless it has a band. The real connoisseur in these matters does not care about a band. Many of the finest cigars have no labels and no fancy names. The man who wants the best goes to a merchant who stocks only the best. He does not care what the cigar is called or whether it has a name at all. And he dislikes a ring round his cigar. It is apt to damage the leaf.

Cigar boxes are another expensive item. They must be made of cedar wood. During the war cedar wood was almost unobtainable, and now it is very dear.

But there is cedar wood as one of the newly discovered to his cost. He bought up a stock of fine cigars, some 5,000 in number, the property of an impoverished Peer. To house them he gave directions for the erection of a cedar-wood cabinet in his library. It was an elaborate affair, with numbers of rays, divisions, and partitions, so that each cigar could be kept separate without contact with its fellows. Also when he came to try them he found them unsmokable. The cedar wood had impregnated them.

The cedar for boxes and cabinets must be of seasoned wood. They must not be of the material out of which pencils are made. And this seasoned cedar wood is very dear.

When cigars are made in Havana they have to be shipped out within a fortnight or they would be spoilt. For smokers who like them "green," as some Englishmen and many Americans do, cigars are packed in airtight, soldered tins. These tins usually contain only five cigars, as they must be smoked within two days after opening the tin.

Cigars are capricious things. After being shipped from Havana they get sick. They ferment. It takes from two to three weeks before they get right. They improve by keeping. A good cigar will keep for any period from 10 to 25 years.

It is not necessary to keep them in a hot room nor in a cabinet near the fire. But they should be kept at a more or less equable temperature. A room that is comfortable for yourself will suit your cigar.

If you go to or on the sea, you should take precautions. Sea air spoils a cigar. The only way to preserve them is to keep them in tins or jars with an airtight cover. Old pickle-jars are very good for the purpose.

The discriminating smoker will never use a match in lighting a cigar. A wax match may be fatal, and a wooden match, with its sulphur, may be as bad. Paper spills are best. If these are not available, light an old match or piece of paper from your match.

In the matter of cigars everybody has his own taste. What will suit one man will not suit another. There are fashions in shapes and sizes. Some men think that a cigar to be good must be big. There is something in it. You can buy a cigar at 250 per 100—a big thing, some seven inches long—and you may be sure that you are smoking the finest thing procurable in the way of tobacco.

There are certain connoisseurs who always buy these big cigars and cut them in half when they do not want a long smoke.

The general public does not know much about cigars, and generally goes for names and labels. But these really mean little or nothing. A certain named brand may be good one year and very poor another.

There is only one certain way to get the best cigar, and that is to place yourself in the hands of an expert and not to mind what you pay. The best cigar merchants, so far from competing with each other in under-selling like other business firms, are concerned as to who can charge the highest prices.

There is one famous firm which prides itself on being the most expensive in London. It insists on being dearer than any other and it thrives on it. You can get a very good cigar there for £12 10s. per 100, a cigar which The Prince of Wales smokes, and of which he took quantities with him on his tour to Canada. And from £12 10s. you can find anything at various sizes and prices up to the £50 per 100 cigars which only millionaires can buy.

## CHURCH SERVICES.

## ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL.

HONGKONG—SEPTUAGESIMA.  
February 1st, 1920.

Holy Communion (7.00 a.m.)  
Children's Service (10 a.m.)  
Hymns, 337, 333, 543.  
N.B.—Psalm 111 a.m.)  
Responses, Ferial: Venite, Goodson; Psalms, Old Melody and Travers (30th evening); Te Deum, Oakeley in F; Jubilate, Hayes.  
Hymns, 333, 337.  
N.B.—Psalm 104 verses 1, 2, 7, 13, 24, 31 and 31 in unison.  
Hymn 328 verse 3 in unison.  
Hymn 83 verses 1 and 6 in unison.  
Holy Communion (12 Noon).  
Evangelion (6 p.m.)  
Responses, Ferial: Psalms, Battisall (30th evening); Magnificat, Goss (4th evening); Nunc Dimittis, Poland (23rd morning).  
Hymns, 328, 184, 489 (63).  
Sevenfold Amen.  
N.B.—Psalm 147 verses 1, 5, 7, 11 and 18 in unison.  
Psalm 148 verses 1, 4, 8 and 13 in unison.  
Hymn 481 verses 1 and 6 in unison.

St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon.  
1st FEBRUARY, 1920—SEPTUAGESIMA SUNDAY.

Holy Communion at 8.15 a.m.  
Morning Prayer at 11 a.m.  
Opening Voluntary: Responses, Ferial: Venite, Goodson; Psalm, CIV.  
Old Melody, Faber's—30th Evening: Te Deum, Russell, Jones and Fye; Benedictus, Garrett; Hymns, 1, 574, 363.

Concluding Voluntary.  
Evening Prayer at 6 p.m.  
Responses, Ferial: Psalms, CXLVII—Battisall 30th Evening; CXLVIII—Battisall 30th Evening; Magnificat, Cambridge—24th Morning; Nunc Dimittis, Wesley—21st Evening; Hymns, 600, 592, 28.

Vesper Hymn.  
Concluding Voluntary.  
N.B.—Choir Practice next Friday at 8.00 p.m.

Union Church, Kennedy Road.

Sunday Services, February 1st.  
Morning Service, 11 a.m.  
Hymns 356, 396, 220, 221.  
Psalms 30.  
Evening Service, 6 p.m.  
Hymns 383, 202, 106, 249.  
Preacher: Rev. J. Kirk Macdonald.

St. Peter's Church, West Point.

Sunday, February 1.  
8 a.m.—Holy Communion.  
11 a.m.—Morning Prayer and Sermon.  
Preacher: Rev. G. T. Waldegrave.

Peak Church.

8.15 a.m.—Holy Communion.  
6.30 Evening Service.

The Gospel Hall.

10 & 12 PRINCE STREET.  
Weekly Services—Sunday: Breaking of Bread for Believers only, 11 a.m.  
Gospel Meeting, 8 p.m.  
Bible study, Tuesday, 6.30 p.m. and Thursday, 8 p.m.  
Friday, Ladies' Bible study, 5.30 p.m.  
Saturday, Prayer Meeting, 8 p.m.

First Church of Christ Scientist, Macdonnell Road.

Sunday, 11 a.m.  
Wednesday, 5.30 p.m.

Wesleyan Methodist Church, Wanchai.

Morning Service, 10.15 a.m.  
Evening Service, 8.15 p.m.

Soldiers' and Sailors' Home, Arsenal Street.

Sunday Evening, Gospel Meeting, 8 p.m.

Roman Catholic Cathedral, Gloucester.

Mass at 6, 7 and 9.30 a.m.  
High Mass at 8 a.m.  
6.30 p.m.—Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

St. Joseph's Church, Garden Road.

Mass and Sermon at 10 a.m. followed by the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

## GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

## THE GIST OF IT.

When leaving the Colony you are now allowed to take out not more than three dollars worth of small silver money.

Mr. Pedro Vicente Botelho is recognized as Consul for Nicaragua. The China (Companies) Amendment Order in Council, in which so many *China Mail* readers were interested lately, appears in full. Several other new Orders are given.

Mr. J. W. C. Bonnar's name has been restored to the list of unofficial J.P.s.

Mr. G. R. Sayer is appointed an Oaths Commissioner at the Supreme Court.

## MARINE COURT.

## CAPTAIN AND ENGINEER.

In the Marine Court, this morning, before Captain Basil Tylor, Marine Magistrate, Robert Grierson, Captain of the s.s. "Innaminka," charged J. M. Bonner, chief engineer of the vessel, with disobeying the lawful orders and commands of the captain, whilst at sea.

Mr. F. C. Jenkin, O.B.E., instructed by Mr. E. J. Grist, of Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist, appeared for the defendant and Mr. E. B. Potter of Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Master, appeared for the complainant.

Mr. Jenkin asked for an adjournment as he required time to prepare his defence. The reason he asked for an adjournment was that the charge against his client covered fourteen days—from the 19th of December to the 1st of January. The particularity of the offence was confined between those days and he thought it would shorten the case and would be of assistance to know exactly what the charge was. That's the reason for asking for an adjournment.

The case will proceed on Monday morning next at 10.30.

## JEWEL THIEVES.

At the Magistracy this morning, a Chinese woman and two men, were convicted of conspiring to defraud a Chinese girl of £1,000 worth of jewellery.

His Worship convicted all three defendants and sentenced the woman to three months' hard labour, and the two men to six months' hard labour each.

The complainant was allowed to have all her jewellery on condition that she paid fair compensation to the pawnbroker. All unpawned articles are returned to her.

His Worship further said that if within 7 days from now, notice of appeal for reduction of sentence is given, he was prepared to make recommendation to H. E. the Governor for the sentences to be reduced by one third.

## TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENT.

## BILLIARDS.

## PALACE HOTEL, KOWLOON.

## EXHIBITION GAME.

MONDAY, 2nd February, 1920.

E. D. GOLDING, (winner of Silver Cup)

Vs

(W. FITT,

(ex Champion of the Colony)

Champion for 8 years.

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Game to commence at 8.30 p.m.

## NOTICES.

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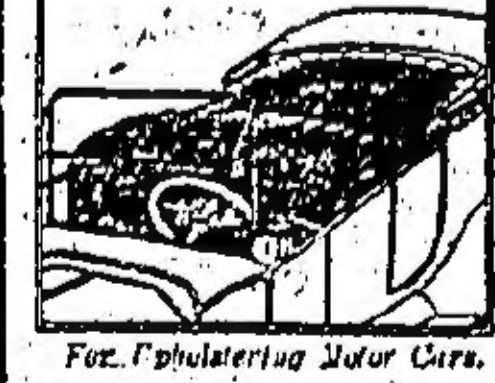
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### TO-DAY'S CABLES.

(Reader's Service to the China Mail.)

#### HAVAS REVIEW.

PARIS, Jan. 26.

The *Journal Officiel* publishes a decree appointing General Buat chief of the general staff at the war ministry. The high command is completely reorganized. The superior council of war will consist of three marshals and ten generals under the chairmanship of the war ministry vice-president, who will be Petain.

The newly appointed German charge d'affaires, Herr Mayer, has arrived in Paris.

A party of French aviators including Major Wullemain, Captain Mezergues, and Lieutenant Bagneau, left the Villa Coublay aerodrome near Paris on a flight to Timbuctoo on the Niger, south of the Sahara desert. The flight is made in connection with the plans of General Nivell, the commander of the French troops in North Africa, who, starting from Algeria, proposes to cross the Sahara by aeroplane. For the purpose wireless telegraph stations and petrol depots are being organised at suitable points.

The last German officials and troops left Schleswig yesterday. The French troops take possession immediately of the railway stations, municipal buildings, barracks, and head quarters of the international commission.

The Ambassadors' council which will continue the work of the supreme council met for the first time yesterday under the presidency of M. Millerand. Mr. Matsui represented Japan.

Marshal Foch visited Calais and laid the foundation stone of an obelisk which the Dover patrol memorial committee is erecting on Cape Blanc Nez. The memorial will commemorate the part taken by the French navy in the patrol's work. It will serve as a navigation mark, being visible from all parts of the Straits. At the luncheon after the ceremony Lord Northbourne presented Marshal Foch with an address expressing gratefulness and adding: "We venture to hope this gift to France may still further strengthen the friendship which you have done so much to build, and which we hope may last through all time." Marshal Foch in acknowledging the address said the memorial is a great symbol that we won the victory through unity and this unity must continue as our great lesson for the future.

The first session of the second meeting of the international labour bureau was held yesterday. Twenty four members took part. Mr. Magakoa represents Japan. Mr. Albert Thomas was permanently appointed president.

M. Millerand, back from a farewell visit to Strassburg, will reply this afternoon to deputies' interpellations on general policy.

#### U. S. A. AND TREATY.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26.

As a sequel to the Republican Senators' conference with Senator Lodge on Jan. 24, the latter has informed the inter-party conference that the republicans are unwilling to make any change in the reservations affecting Article Ten of the covenant and the Monroe Doctrine. The conference immediately adjourned. Mr. Hitchcock says the conference had already tentatively agreed to the preamble and all sections affected by the reservations except the aforementioned Article and some minor details. The Democrats are conferring privately before replying to Senator Lodge.

The *Times* in the course of a leader opines that the Empire could accept almost all the Senate's reservations without difficulty and others are adjustable by conciliatory arrangement. While the Dominions and India cannot possibly be deprived of votes in the League which they earned on the battlefield there is no reason why the United States should not have six votes also.

#### THE BOLSHIEVISTS.

#### THE LATEST PROCLAMATION.

LONDON, January 29.

An authoritative weekly summary says the Bolshievists are widely distributing a proclamation among the troops, dividing the Whites into two categories. First, capitalists, their sons and officers etc., second, those like the Cossacks who are anti-Bolshievist because ignorant or are compelled to be so. The proclamation urges the cessation of unnecessary killing of the latter, but reemphasises the necessity of exterminating the first category. The Letts continue to advance brilliantly on a front of ninety miles and attained a depth of sixty-five miles. A Letts army numbering 48,000 reached the line Latzin River and Saryaka. In South Russia the Bolshievists, after regrouping their forces and a restoration of their lines of communication, are advancing, firstly in the direction of the Crimea, secondly, south westwards against the Kerson, Nikolaieff, Odessa area. In the former the Bolshievists captured Genichesk but further progress across the narrow isthmus is at present stemmed. In the latter the Bolshievists occupied Elisavetgrad and are advancing down the railway to Nikolaieff. They are only fifty miles from it. The Don army is maintaining positions on the Sal and Don in the face of vigorous attempts to force a passage. The Russian retreat continues to be very orderly. Red cavalry is gaining slowly at the cost of severe losses. The fighting of spirit Denikin's men has revived.

#### THE COAL QUESTION.

#### BIG PROFITS ESTIMATED.

LONDON, January 29.

At a conference of the miners' delegates Mr. Smillie amplified the statement cabled last evening and declared the miners' demand for cheaper coal was in the interests of the whole nation. He estimated the year's profits on coal after meeting all charges would be near £50,000,000, which sum should be used to reduce the cost of living for the whole community, not merely miners. "We have got to prove by our actions that we are unselfish," Mr. Smillie hinted that the miners would use their power to check profiteering and reduce the cost of living if the Government failed to do so. "We realise that merely an increase of wages will not deal with the evil of the high cost of living." They desired to acquaint the Premier that since coal was reduced ten shillings it had been most scarce domestically owing to it suddenly becoming industrial coal. The miners had proof even that large municipalities and gas companies could not get supplies.

#### BOLSHIEVISTS REACH CHINESE FRONTIER.

LONDON, Jan. 25.

A Bolshievist communique claims that an advance by troops of the Blysk road. Meanwhile the strength of the troops is unknown but they are not at present regarded as an advance-guard to the main Bolshievist army. Probably the forces are similar to the bands recently operating at Irkutsk.

#### LITHUANIA AND POLAND.

HELSINGFORS, January 25.

A message from Riga says the Lithuanian Government has informed the Allies that it is willing to cooperate with Poland against the Bolshievists on condition the Poland recognise the independence of Lithuania and approve the latter's agreement.

### TO-DAY'S CABLES.

(Reader's Service to the China Mail.)

#### ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION.

#### ERZBERGER WOUNDED.

BERLIN, January 16.

Three shots were fired wounding Minister of Finance Erzberger as he was leaving the Criminal Court at the close of the day's hearing of the action against Helfferich, who, later alia, accused Erzberger of making a fortune out of the war.

#### INFLUENZA IN AMERICA.

NEW YORK, January 26.

There have been 2,855 new cases of influenza here in the past twenty four hours.

#### ASQUITH ON COAL MINES.

LONDON, January 30.

Mr. Asquith at Paisley pronounced definitely against the nationalisation of mines, to be worked and managed under state supervision and control. He said no, because however grave in some respects were the defects of existing management, nationalisation would mean the installation of something more defective and much more mischievous and bureaucratic. As to management and control he agreed there was abundant evidence under existing conditions that the coalmines were generally not worked most advantageously or economically in the matter of organisation. He agreed that cause could be made out if nationalisation meant the state acquisition of mineral rights and royalties.

#### GETTING KAISER BILL.

PARIS, January 26.

The first meeting of the council of ambassadors of Britain, Italy, Japan and the United States was held this morning, M. Millerand presiding. They discussed the Dutch note with regard to the extradition of the ex-Kaiser and decided that French legal experts should examine all the aspects of the case and prepare a reply.

#### ALLEGED ATTEMPTED SUICIDE.

Sergt. Ogg this morning charged a Chinese with attempting to commit suicide by jumping into the harbour. The accused pleaded "guilty."

The sergeant said that the defendant told a number of people that he had taken poison, as he was earning a very small salary, and could not live on it. The people took him to the station, whence he was sent to the Kwong Wah Hospital and later to the Government Civil Hospital for examination. He then denied that he had taken poison, but said that he had merely taken some alcohol, and as it was the first time he had drunk spirits, it went to his head. The doctor, certified, after examining the accused, that he was merely suffering from the effects of alcohol, and the Police set him free. Immediately on leaving the station, the defendant was alleged to have gone straight to a Yaumati ferry boat, and jumped overboard whilst the launch was in midstream. Even then, his time had not come to die, and he was fished out by the boat people none the worse for his wetting.

The accused said he had no money to buy food, and thought it was best to end all his miseries by taking his own life.

His Worship remanded the case until Monday, ordering that in the meantime, the defendant be referred to the S.C.A.

#### YEAR OF THE MONKEY.

#### GOOD YEAR FOR SIMIANS BUT BAD FOR BRIDES.

According to the Japanese zodiac, New Year's Day ushered in what will be a year of the monkey and therefore that frisky animal will be abundantly in evidence on picture cards and other schemes.

By superstitious Japanese the year of the monkey is regarded as unpropitious for marriage, owing to the fact that the word "saru" (monkey) also means "to leave or to divorce" and care is taken by many who are contemplating matrimony to avoid the carrying out of the wedding during the year of the monkey.

This circumstance is responsible for the particularly large number of marriages that have taken place during the last few months. For this reason also, those who are interested in the tying of nuptial knots such as Shinto priests at the Daijingu Shrine, and the matrimonial agents may expect falling-off of their receipts next year.

The monkeys at the zoo and other places of show will, on the other hand, be the recipients of a large quantity of food from visitors, at least during the New Year holidays.

The small pox season has opened. The first victim is an American. A case of cerebro-spinal fever is included in to-day's return.

#### MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The C.P.O.S. Co.'s R.M.S. *Empress of Japan* arrived at Shanghai on 30th Jan. a.m. left there 30th Jan. p.m. due at Nagasaki on 1st Feb.

The P. & O. S. S. Co.'s *Doylston* left that port on the 27th inst., and may be expected at this port on or about Sunday Feb. 1.

The Shawan Tones & Co.'s *Moosir* Prince is expected here from New York on Monday the 2nd Feb.

The P. & O. S. S. Co.'s *Doylston* left Singapore for this port on the 28th inst. at noon and is due here on the 3rd prox., at about 8 a.m.

The N.Y.K. S.S. *Tokomi Maru* (Bombay Line) left Bombay for this port direct on the 16th Jan. and is expected here on the 4th Feb.

The N.Y.K. S.S. *Shimpo Maru* (Calcutta Line) left Singapore for this port on the 23rd Jan. and is expected here on the 4th Feb.

The N.Y.K. S.S. *Tenshin Maru* (Bombay Line) left Kobe for this port via Moji on the 28th Jan. and is expected here on the 4th Feb.

The Ben Line S.S. *Benlomond* from Middlesbrough and London left Singapore for this port on 27th inst. and may be expected to arrive here on or about 4th proximo.

The P. & O. S. S. Co.'s *Idola* left Singapore for this port on the 24th inst. at 5 p.m. and is due here on the 5th proximo.

The N.Y.K. S.S. *Shimpo Maru* (Bombay Line) left Bombay for this port direct on the 14th Jan. and is expected here on the 6th Feb.

The Ben Line S.S. *Benlomond* from Middlesbrough and London left Singapore for this port on 30th inst. and may be expected to arrive here on 7th Feb.

The C.P.O.S. Co.'s R.M.S. *Montagu* arrived at Yokohama on Jan. 27 left there Jan. 28 and is due at Vancouver on Feb. 10.

The C.P.O.S. Co.'s R.M.S. *Empress of Russia* left Vancouver for Hongkong, via Japan ports, Shanghai and Manila, on the 22nd Jan. and is due here on or about the 16th Feb.

The N.Y.K. S.S. *Kaga Maru* (European Line) left London for this port via the Suez Canal on the 10th Jan. and is expected here on the 18th Feb.

The T. K. E. S.S. *Siberia Maru* 20,000 tons, will leave Yokohama on the 1st April.

#### INFLUENZA IN THE JAPANESE ARMY.

#### SEVERE EPIDEMIC.

According to investigations conducted by the Medical Bureau of War Department, the number of the sufferers from influenza in the various Divisions throughout the country on the 16th instant was 5,688. The fatal cases so far reported amounted to 190. The epidemic is more rampant in the Imperial Bodyguard Division, where 986 cases with 40 fatalities are reported.

A small Chinese boy who had a previous conviction for snatching, and had served two months' imprisonment with hard labour, was again before Mr. N. L. Smith this morning, charged with snatching a gold mounted rattle bangle and a jade bangle from a small girl in Kwloon. He admitted the offence, and was sentenced to six months' hard labour and 12 strokes with the rattan.

#### VISITORS AT THE HOTELS.

#### HONGKONG HOTEL.

January 31.

Mr. D. Abraham Mr. E. M. Joseph  
Mr. and Mrs. Adair Mr. W. G. Joseph  
and son Mr. and Mrs. C.  
Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Lauritzen  
Anderson Mrs. M. Law on  
Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Mene Leiria  
Atkinson Mr. & Mrs. Ionsdale  
Mr. J. Barr Mr. and children  
Mrs. E. R. Bellios Mr. and Mrs. W. D.  
Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Loomis  
Benson Dr. H. W. Maclean  
Mr. & Mrs. S. Binney Mr. E. W. Macleod  
Mr. E. R. Boerick Dr. O. Marriot  
Mr. V. M. Bond Mr. C. W. Martyn  
Mr. Geo. Bowack Mr. & Mrs. J. Martin  
Mr. & Mrs. J. M. Brady Mr. H. E. McLean  
Mr. & Mrs. J. Mrs. L. McHussey  
Brudell Mr. and Mrs. T. R. E.  
McLanes  
Mrs. A. S. Broome Mr. H. McKnicker-  
bocker  
Mrs. L. Brodhead Mr. & Mrs. F. Mooney  
Mrs. B. E. Broome Mr. and Mrs. W. H.  
Mrs. C. de F. Bruns Mr. & Mrs. M. H.  
man Neeson  
Mr. S. J. Burns Mr. and Mrs. W. H.  
Mr. A. E. Burns Mr. E. A. Nelson  
Mrs. L. H. Burr Mr. W. T. Nelling  
Miss A. Y. Burr Mr. W. T. Nelling  
Misses A. and T. Mr. Nopper  
Camden Mr. & Mrs. G. A. Sten.  
Capt. E. J. Carter son and maid  
Mr. & Mrs. Chutjian Mr. A. J. Paterson  
and child Mrs. A. J. Paterson  
Mr. W. H. Clarke Mr. S. E. Pury  
Miss L. Clarke Mr. C. R. Powrie  
Mrs. S. B. Plunkett Mr. J. H. Rabbit  
Cole Mr. H. H. Ray  
Mr. F. W. Cox Mrs. C. G. Park  
Mr. J. W. Crossland Mr. L. C. Parker.  
Mr. N. Croucher "Reas"  
Mr. A. O. Dodge Mr. G. G. Rendall  
Mr. W. A. Dowley Mr. R. Rodenas  
Mr. and Mrs. H. M. T. A. de Roffe  
Ept in Mr. Mrs. and Miss  
Mr. Wallace Farley Rolfe  
Capt. E. P. Ferguson Mr. C. W. Smith  
Miss E. E. Filler Mr. and Mrs. W. A.  
Mr. R. J. Fitzgerald "Spicer"  
Mr. H. R. Franz Mr. H. Stephens  
Lt. W. B. Fraser Mr. W. Swann  
Mr. V. Frazer Miss E. M. Taylor  
Mr. J. E. Gardiner Mrs. L. Taylor and  
Capt. & Mrs. Garland 3 children  
Capt. T. P. Hall Mr. & Mrs. C. P.  
Mrs. A. Baxter Hal Templeton  
left Mr. & Mrs. W. Tuka  
Mr. & Mrs. F. Hansen Mr. and Mrs. T. D.  
Mr. A. J. Hayim Waterbury  
Mrs. E. J. Howe Mrs. Whitmarsh and  
Mrs. J. J. Hudson baby  
Capt. and Mrs. R. M. and Mrs. J. H.  
Williams  
Mr. & Mrs. C. Jensen Mr. S. T. Williamson  
Mr. R. B. Jenson Mrs. H. Woods  
Miss M. R. Jenson Miss Alice Woods  
Miss E. B. Jones Miss Doris Woods

#### NIG EDWARD HOTEL.

Mrs. R. Almond Capt. K. Larsson  
Mr. M. Anschau Mr. M. Mann  
Mr. B. O. Augustine Miss Mann  
Mr. F. G. Pecke Mr. W. A. Marcom  
Mr. & Mrs. W. Budge Mr. J. H. N. Mody  
Mr. E. G. Coomes Mr. & Mrs. Moline  
Mr. T. E. Culhane Mr. W. Morley  
Mr. G. P. Curry Mrs. W. H. Pascoe  
Mr. J. D. Dalitz Mrs. L. M. Peace  
Mr. J. D. Danby Mr. T. J. Reardon  
Mr. P. T. Farrell Ms and Mrs. C. E.  
Miss Farrell Richardson  
Mr. S. W. Farrer Mrs. A. Robertson  
Mr. A. L. Fry Mr. E. Rush  
Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Dr. A. B. Souza  
Hammes Dr. L. O. Spillane  
Miss F. Hammes Mrs. Stewart and  
Master C. Hammes children  
Mr. A. Harrison Mr. F. Taylor  
Mr. J. Haynes Mr. F. C. Todd  
Mr. P. Hocken Mr. and Mrs. Under-  
wood  
Mr. A. Johnston Miss G. E. Weston  
Mrs. J. Johnston Mr. W. J. Ziegler  
Mr. F. J. de Sant

#### PEAK HOTEL.

27th January.

Mr. F. R. J. Adams Mr. M. M. Mass  
Capt. Archer Mr. R. Mattingly  
Mr. & Mrs. D. Arthur Mrs. Maish  
Mr. & Mrs. Ashton Mr. J. Finlay Miller  
Mr. R. Blacking Mr. & Mrs. W. J. Milne  
Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Capt. Monteith  
Blair Mr. E. F. Nicoll  
Mr. D. H. Blake Mr. and Mrs. G. F.  
Major F. J. Bowen Nightingale  
Mr. and Mrs. O. T. Mr. E. N. Parsons  
Breakpear Lt.-Col. & Mrs. Thurn  
Mrs. C. Bull by Felham  
Mr. W. A. Butter Mr. and Mrs. J. B.  
Field Penman  
Mr. A. Button Mr. T. L. Perkins  
Capt. E. J. Carroll Miss Phillips  
Mr. G. F. Caville Mr. & Mrs. Fikling-  
ton  
Mr. W. H. Cheshire ton  
Mr. H. Chesham Mr. & Mrs. A. Piercy  
Lt.-Col. E. G. Coleman Mr. & Mrs. J. K.  
Mr. R. C. Corrie Pittendrigh  
Mr. V. Dallin Mr. E. B. Pether  
Mr. O. W. Darch Mr. E. Ralphs  
Mr. J. J. Davies Mr. E. A. Ham  
Eng. Comdr. W. Mr. A. B. Raworth  
Lawson Mr. D. Reid  
Mr. O. G. H. Druff Mr. F. R. Rison  
Mr. & Mrs. John Mr. W. & Roberts  
Duncan Mr. C. P. Ross  
Mr. & Mrs. O. Eager Major & Mrs. Sanders  
Mr. G. H. Elliott Mr. and Mrs. J. R.  
Mr. G. Entman Seyer  
Mr. W. Evans Dr. & Mrs. H. Scott  
Mr. A. D. Galloway Mr. G. H. Twell  
Lt.-Col. Griffith Mr. and Mrs. Shiner  
Mr. H. L. Grant Miss Skirrow  
Mr. B. C. Hale Mr. & Mrs. L. Grant  
Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Smith  
Eale Mr. A. Findlay Smith  
Mr. D. Hall Mr. J. Leslie Smith  
Mrs. H. E. C. Hal Mr. & Mrs. Substings  
"Loves" Mr. and Mrs. S. J.  
Major D. L. Harding Syrett  
Mr. H. du E. Hatch Capt. & Mrs. Tansley  
son Mr. M. H. Turner  
Mr. E. W. Lee Jones Mr. G. F. Venita  
Mr. H. C. Kasperen Mr. G. T.  
Mr. I. A. Leung Mr. & Mrs. W. G. T.  
Mr. & Mrs. Lancaster Mr. & Mrs. W. G. T.  
Capt. & Mrs. Love Mr. & Mrs. W. G. T.  
grove Mr. P. D. Wilson  
Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Mrs. B. Wilson  
Love



HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO  
STEAMBOAT CO. LTD.

The following is the report of the board of directors of the Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Company, Limited, to the Ordinary Annual Meeting of Shareholders to be held at the office of the Company, on Tuesday, the 10th February, 1920, at 12 o'clock, noon.

Gentlemen,—The Directors have now to submit to you a general statement of the affairs of the Company, and balance sheet for the year ending 31st December, 1919.

The net profits for the year amount to \$278,883.70 which, with the amount brought forward from last year \$28,693.05, gives an amount available for division of \$307,576.75. From this amount an interim dividend of \$1.00 per share (\$80,000) has already been paid, leaving a balance of \$227,576.75 available for appropriation, which it is proposed to deal with as follows:—

|   |              |
|---|--------------|
| To pay a final dividend of \$1 per share .....                  | \$ 80,000.00 |
| To pay a bonus of 50 cents per share .....                      | 40,000.00    |
| To write off book value of steamers, wharves and lighters ..... | 40,000.00    |
| To transfer to Special Repairs Fund .....                       | 20,000.00    |
| To transfer to Equalization of Dividend Fund .....              | 25,000.00    |
| To carry forward to a new Profit and Loss Account .....         | 227,576.75   |

\$227,576.75

Messrs. D. Landale, P. H. Holyoak and H. W. Looker resigned their seats on the Board on leaving the Colony and Messrs. John Johnstone, E. V. D. Farr, W. Sinclair and W. E. Clarke were nominated by the Directors to fill to vacancies, subject to the confirmation of the Shareholders at this meeting.

In accordance with the Articles of Association the Honourable Mr. Stanley, H. Dodwell and Sir Robert Ho Tung retire from the Board by rotation, but being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

The accounts have been audited by Mr. C. Bernard Brown, A.C.A., and Mr. A. R. Lowe, F.C.A., who being eligible offer themselves for re-election as auditors for 1920.

STANLEY H. DODWELL,  
Chairman.

Hongkong, 23rd January, 1920.

## BALANCE SHEET, DECEMBER 31, 1919.

| LIABILITIES.  |                |
|---|----------------|
| Capital, 80,000 Shares of \$15 each fully paid up .....       | \$1,200,000.00 |
| Insurance and Underwriting Account, as per last account ..... | 420,625.00     |
| Amount added during 1919 .....                                | 6,460.42       |
| Depreciation Fund, as per last account .....                  | 427,085.42     |
| Equalization of Dividend Fund, as per last account .....      | 150,000.00     |
| Investment Fluctuation Account, as per last account .....     | 70,000.00      |
| Decrease 12 months to date .....                              | 125,053.99     |
| Special Repairs Fund, as per last account .....               | 86,351.68      |
| Amount expended during 1919 .....                             | 38,702.31      |
| Unclaimed Dividends .....                                     | 7,307.55       |
| Sundry Creditors .....  | 2,523.95       |
| Profit and Loss Account .....                                 | 140,606.53     |
|   | 227,576.75     |
|   | \$2,256,902.51 |

## ASSETS.

|   |                |
|---|----------------|
| Steamers "Honam," "Heungshan," "Sui An," "Sui Tai," and "Kinsan," as per last account ..... | \$ 791,500.00  |
| Less written off for 1918 .....   | 1,000.00       |
| Lighters "Sunlee" and "Wolee" as per last account .....                                     | 2,250.00       |
| Less written off for 1918 .....   | 1,000.00       |
| Motor-boat "Ping On" Company's \$ths as per last account .....                              | 1,106.79       |
| Less Book value sold .....  | 1,106.79       |
| Wharves and Moorings as per last account .....  | 166,750.00     |
| Less written off for 1918 .....   | 14,000.00      |
| Properties at Canton and Kongkum, as per last account .....                                 | 103,021.71     |
| Office Furniture, as per last account .....   | 1,000.00       |
| Spare Gear and Stores .....   | 41,134.84      |
| Interest accrued to date .....  | 1,524.63       |
| Marine and Fire Insurance Premiums, paid on account of 1920 .....                           | 10,311.50      |
| Sundry Debtors .....  | 54,258.13      |
| INVESTMENTS AT MARKET VALUE.—   |                |
| Shares and Debentures in Local Companies .....  | 911,945.00     |
| British and Hongkong Government War Loans and Bonds .....                                   | 153,913.36     |
| Cash at Bankers .....   | 1,055,858.36   |
|   | 59,293.34      |
|   | \$2,256,902.51 |

JOHN ARNOLD, Secretary.

E. V. D. FARR,  
W. SINCLAIR,  
STANLEY H. DODWELL } Directors.

We report that we have audited the above balance sheet with the books and vouchers of the Company in Hongkong and the returns from the Company's Agencies. We have also verified the securities representing the investments and in our opinion such balance sheet is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the Company's affairs at December 31, 1919, according to the best of our information and explanations given us, and as shown by the books of the Company.

We have obtained all the information and explanations we have required.

A. R. LOWE,  
C. BERNARD BROWN } Chartered Accountants,  
Auditors.

Hongkong, January 23, 1920.

## PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.

For the year ending 31st December, 1919.

| DEBIT.   |               |
|--|---------------|
| To Amount paid for repairs to steamers, wharves and lighters .....                                     | \$ 79,568.10  |
| To Loss in Exchange of subsidiary silver coinage .....   | 1,303.73      |
| To Directors and Auditors' Fees .....  | 8,890.00      |
| To Difference between Book Value and amount realized by Sale of Motor-Boat "Ping On" Co.'s \$ths ..... | 356.79        |
| To Interim Dividend of \$1.00 per share on 80,000 shares .....   | 80,000.00     |
| Balance to be appropriated:—   |               |
| To Final Dividend of \$1.00 per share on 80,000 shares .....   | 80,000.00     |
| „ Bonus of \$0.50 per share on 80,000 shares .....   | 40,000.00     |
| „ Write off book values of steamers, wharves and lighters .....  | 40,000.00     |
| „ Transfer to Equalization of Dividend Fund .....  | 25,000.00     |
| „ To be carried forward to New Account .....   | 22,576.75     |
|  | \$ 397,605.37 |

## CREDIT.

|   |               |
|---|---------------|
| By Amount brought forward from last Account ..... | \$ 28,693.05  |
| „ Net Earnings of Steamers .....                  | 294,696.72    |
| „ Income from Investments .....                   | 75,019.10     |
| „ Transfer Fees .....                             | 196.60        |
|   | \$ 397,605.37 |

## TRAINING TIMES.

## DERBY GRIFFINS.

|   |  |
|---|--|
| Farmer.—42.2/5; 1.19; 1.56; 2.34; 3.09; 3.39.   |  |
| Pike Driver.—45; 1.24; 2.00; 2.40; 3.15; 3.46.  |  |
| Cigar Box.—37; 1.13; 1.47.2/5; 2.10.3/5.  |  |
| Alaska Chief.—31.2/5; 1.04.2/5; 1.38.2/5.   |  |
| Wilkin's Micawber.—34; 1.07; 1.41.2/5; 2.18; 2.51.2/5.  |  |
| Aviation.—35.2/5; 1.09.2/5; 1.41.1/5.   |  |
| Plain John.—35; 1.10; 1.43.2/5; 2.19; 2.53.3/5; 3.26.   |  |
| Hongkong Chief joined by Kandy Chief for last mile.—37; 1.10; 1.42; 2.17.2/5; 2.52.3/5; 3.25.4/5. |  |
| Spoilt Child.—47.2/5; 1.27; 2.04.3/5; 2.43; 3.16.2/5; 3.45.3/5.                                   |  |
| High Tide and Paper Money.—38.3/5; 1.11; 1.47; 2.21; 2.53.3/5.                                    |  |
| Cadzw's Glen.—37; 1.09.3/5; 1.41.1/5.   |  |
| Allied King.—40.1/5; 1.19; 1.53; 2.33; 3.07.2/5; 3.44; 4.15.2/5.                                  |  |

## OLD PONIES.

|  |  |
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| Sumatra Chief.—31.2/5; 1.04.2/5; 1.37.   |  |
| Salamander.—36; 1.09; 1.45; 2.19; 2.50.  |  |
| Red Robe.—42.2/5; 1.19; 1.56; 2.34; 3.09; 3.39.  |  |
| Kalamazoo.—35.2/5; 1.12; 1.47.2/5; 2.22.1/5; 2.52.4/5.                                   |  |
| Mountain King.—38; 1.15; 1.49; 2.25.2/5; 3.00; 3.31.2/5.                                 |  |
| Colinton and Slim.—36; 1.10; 1.46; 2.22; 2.53.   |  |
| Mighty King.—41.3/5; 1.20.2/5; 1.58; 2.34.3/5; 3.10.2/5; 3.44.1/5; 4.15.4/5.             |  |
| Vivat.—33.4/5; 1.10; 1.44; 2.17.   |  |
| Black Prince.—36; 1.13.2/5; 1.50.2/5; 2.23.4/5.  |  |
| Valley King joined by Beggar King for last three-quarters.—34.4/5; 1.09; 1.41.1/5; 2.15. |  |
| Sandy.—36.2/5; 1.13.2/5; 1.49.2/5; 2.21.4/5.   |  |
| Rochester.—38; 1.17.3/5; 1.56; 2.29.   |  |
| Scotch Box and Smoke Box.—40; 1.18; 1.53; 2.30.2/5; 3.05.2/5; 3.39.3/5.                  |  |
| Siamese Cat.—41; 1.19; 1.56.3/5; 2.32.2/5; 3.05; 3.35.                                   |  |
| Malcolm.—38; 1.15; 1.49.2/5; 2.28; 2.59.   |  |
| Gentle Cat.—37; 1.12; 1.47.2/5.  |  |
| Spotted Sand.—35; 1.13.4/5; 1.49; 2.19.  |  |

## SUBSCRIPTION GRIFFINS.

|   |  |
|---|--|
| Louza.—48; 1.29; 2.07; 2.45; 3.21.3/5; 3.53.3/5.                                |  |
| Surprise and El Dorado.—33; 1.09; 1.45.2/5; 2.20; 2.55.                         |  |
| Kipper.—35; 1.13.2/5; 1.49.3/5; 2.23.   |  |
| Luglow.—35; 1.12.2/5; 1.50; 2.26.3/5.   |  |
| Brutus.—36; 1.12; 1.50; 2.25; 2.58.   |  |
| Mammy's Child.—43; 1.18; 1.53; 2.32; 3.07.2/5; 3.40.                            |  |
| Sunspot.—46; 1.25; 2.02; 2.37; 3.11.2/5; 3.42.                                  |  |
| Riza and Craigmount.—45; 1.26; 2.07; 2.47; 3.25; 3.56.                          |  |
| Tredegart and Trevelyan.—42; 1.23; 2.00; 2.34.1/5; 3.07.                        |  |
| Orion and Trumpet.—46; 1.26.2/5; 2.41.2/5; 3.15; 3.47.                          |  |
| Target joined by Hawkes for last mile.—43; 1.21; 2.00; 2.38; 3.14.2/5; 3.49.    |  |
| Savermake.—38; 1.17.3/5; 1.56; 2.29.  |  |
| Trelawney joined by St. Chad for last mile.—40; 1.18; 1.56; 2.23.2/5; 3.05.3/5. |  |
| Naughty Child.—33; 1.09; 1.45; 2.19; 2.52.                                      |  |
| Uncle.—39.2/5; 1.16.1/5; 1.52; 2.28.2/5; 3.05.2/5.                              |  |
| Pawnshop.—39.2/5; 1.16.1/5; 1.52; 2.28.2/5; 3.05.2/5.                           |  |
| Wee Mouse, Sinza and Cannon.—38; 1.14.2/5; 1.50; 2.25; 2.58.2/5.                |  |
| Tarzan.—35; 1.10; 1.46; 2.24.2/5; 3.00.   |  |
| Shiny.—33.3/5; 1.09.  |  |

## LARSEN GRIFFINS.

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|---|--|
| Sandmartin.—37; 1.13; 1.47.2/5; 2.19.3/5. |  |
| Cornet.—41.3/5; 1.23; 2.00.2/5; 2.34.3/5. |  |
| King Bruce.—33.4/5; 1.10; 1.44; 2.17.     |  |
| Cameo.—35; 1.10; 1.46; 2.24.2/5; 3.00.    |  |
| Nutford and Dunford.—35; 1.10.1/5; 1.44.  |  |

## ROCK BLASTING.

CONTRACTOR ACCUSED OF GIRL'S  
DEATH.

There was a sequel to the case reported in the *China Mail* on Thursday, of a 14-year-old Chinese girl meeting with her death at Taiwan on the evening of the 28th inst., by being struck by a piece of rock during blasting operations. Before Mr. J. R. Wood this morning, a Chinese was charged with being responsible for the girl's death.

Inspector Brown said that the thing occurred at 5.30 p.m., on the 28th inst., at Taiwan, near the Kowloon Dock Company's new extension. The deceased and another girl were picking firewood in a clearing about 150 yards away from where the blasting operation was taking place, when the deceased was struck on the head by a piece of rock weighing about 50 lbs., dying instantly. The deceased's mother was employed as an earth carrier on that particular piece of work, but was not at work that day.

Addressing the defendant, his Worship said: You are charged with killing a girl named Ip Soy, aged 14 years, at Taiwan on the evening of the 28th inst. It was alleged that you were blasting carelessly, as a large piece of rock struck the girl on the head and killed her. Do you understand the charge?

The defendant said that he did. His Worship (to the Inspector): Is he the master?—No, your Worship, but he is in charge of the blasting. I understand that he is a sub-contractor, and contracted for the blasting operation only. I got this information from Sang Lee's, the contractors who sub-let this piece of work to the defendant. He was beating the gong at the time the girl was hit by the rock.

The Inspector said that he was not prepared to go on with the case, as he would have to get together all his witnesses first, and as he was going over to Macao on Monday, in connection with another case, he would not be ready for another couple of days. His Worship fixed the hearing for Thursday at 11 a.m. Bail was allowed in the sum of \$50.

The American Consul-General has received instructions indicating that on and after February 1, 1920, all vessels, including vessels belonging to the Shipping Board of the United States, which arrive in the United States from foreign ports, will be subject to the full force of the immigration act and will be subject to penalties for failing to meet all the requirements of that act. The operation of these laws was suspended to some extent during the war but now comes into full force again.

## CHINESE TELEGRAMS.

(By arrangement with Wah Tse Yat Po.)

SHANGHAI, Jan. 30.  
Mr. Lu Ching Chang proposes to settle the Foochow outrage with Japan before dealing with the Shantung question.

In compliance with the request of the Japanese minister, the Ministry of Education has ordered the principals of all schools to prohibit the students censoring Japanese goods.

It is reported that Vladivostok has been occupied by the Bolsheviks. Mr. Wu Wai Tak, the minister to Paris, has tendered his resignation which will probably be accepted. It is learned that the Government is intending to appoint Mr. Wellington Koo as his successor.

Rumour is on foot that the Au Fu Club wants to get rid of Mr. Lu Ching Chang and tries to get Mr. Suon Po Ki as minister of foreign affairs. This is why Mr. Lu Ching Chang has not yet taken up his post.

Mr. Liang Shi Yi is expected to be reappointed as Director General of Customs.

The Amir of Afghanistan requests the Chinese Government to make a commercial treaty. The Cabinet has decided to accede when the affairs of Afghanistan and Britain have been settled.

All the Diplomatic representatives of various nations in Russia, are now at Harbin.

General Chang Tsok-lum has been ordered to send a force to Ah-Mu-hi.

ANSWERS TO  
CORRESPONDENTS.

WAR HEROES.—No. You are not expected to bring your own mugs to the Garden Party.

## RUBBER.

Mr. Harold Seth has just received a batch of rubber companies' returns, among which it is noted that Sung-kai-Chumor's crop for November was 52,000 lbs., more than double its output for the same period of the previous year. Its crop for five months was 275,841 lbs.

Victoria (Malaya) produced 37,000 lbs., a big increase, and in 5 months 199,200 lbs. Of Sumatra companies, United Serdang yielded in November 333,384 lbs. (599,065 lbs. in three months). Torangie had 44,636 lbs., and Soesagel Rampah 28,480 lbs., or 239,810 lbs. in eleven months. These all represent greatly increased output.

## WEATHER REPORT.

January 31st 12h 35m.—No returns from Vladivostok or Japanese stations. Pressure has decreased considerably at Weihaiwei and slightly at other reporting stations, except at Tourane where it has increased slightly and over the Philippines where it is nearly stationary.

The depression is now central to the north-east of Hongkong. Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.01 inch. Total since January 1st, 0.01 inches. Against an average of 1.36 inches.

Forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon on January 31st, 1920.

1.—Hongkong to Gap Rock. S.E. winds, moderate, cloudy, fog.

2.—Formosa Channel. The same as No. 1.

3.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Lamocks. The same as No. 1.

4.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan. The same as No. 1.

T. F. CLAXTON, Director.

Hongkong Observatory, Jan. 31, 1920.

## HONGKONG TIDES.

The tide-table given below has been compiled at the National Almanac Office in London from the result of the analysis of observations taken by means of an automatic tide-recording machine in the Viceroy Police Basin at Kish Sha Tsui during the years 1903-9.

The zero of the table corresponds with the zero of the sounding in the Admiralty chart, which has been found to be 4 feet inches below mean sea-level.

To obtain the depth of water on the tide gauge at the Victoria Naval Yard add 3 feet 4 inches, and on the gauge at Lamont Dock, Aberdeen, add 10 feet 4 inches to the height given in the table.

February 1 to 8, 1920.

| HIGH WATER. |       | LOW WATER. |       |
|-------------|-------|------------|-------|
| Date        | Time  | Date       | Time  |
| Jan. 1      | 5 m.  | Feb. 1     | 5 m.  |
| Jan. 2      | 6 m.  | Feb. 2     | 6 m.  |
| Jan. 3      | 7 m.  | Feb. 3     | 7 m.  |
| Jan. 4      | 8 m.  | Feb. 4     | 8 m.  |
| Jan. 5      | 9 m.  | Feb. 5     | 9 m.  |
| Jan. 6      | 10 m. | Feb. 6     | 10 m. |
| Jan. 7      | 11 m. | Feb. 7     | 11 m. |
| Jan. 8      | 12 m. | Feb. 8     | 12 m. |

## SHIPS DUE TO ARRIVE.

## FROM EUROPE.

The s.s. HYSON, due here Jan. 31 from Europe and sails for Shanghai and Japan, Feb. 1.  
The s.s. CICLOPS, due here Feb. 3 from Europe and sails for Tsingtau and Japan, Feb. 4.  
The s.s. FERRUS, due here Feb. 8 from Europe and sails for Shanghai Feb. 7.  
The s.s. KNIGHT COMPANION, due here Feb. 17 from Europe and sails for Japan, Feb. 18.  
The s.s. TITAN, due here Feb. 17 from Europe and sails for Tsingtau via Japan, Feb. 18.  
The s.s. JASON, due here Feb. 24 from Europe and sails for Shanghai and Japan, Feb. 25.  
The s.s. PELEUS, due here Mar. 4 from Europe and sails for Tsingtau, Shanghai and Japan, Mar. 5.  
The s.s. LAYCAON, due here Mar. 8 from Europe and sails for Shanghai and Japan, Mar. 9.  
The s.s. MENTOR, due here Mar. 15 from Europe and sails for Shanghai and Japan, Mar. 16.  
The s.s. REEMUN, due here Mar. 30 from Europe and sails for Tsingtau and Japan, Mar. 31.  
The s.s. RHESUS, due here April 1 from Europe and sails for Shanghai and Japan, April 2.  
The s.s. TELEMACHUS, due here April 5 from Europe and sails for Shanghai and Japan, April 6.

## FROM AMERICA.

The s.s. TYNDAREUS, left Seattle Jan. 18 and is due here via Tsingtau, Yokohama, Kobe and Manila Feb. 20.  
The s.s. LYON, leaves Seattle Mar. 8 and is due here via Tsingtau, Yokohama, Kobe and Manila April 14.

## FROM MANILA.

The s.s. TYNDAREUS, leaves Manila Feb. 23 and is due here Mar. 2, sailing for Seattle via Kobe and Yokohama Mar. 14.  
The s.s. PROTESILAEUS, leaves Manila Jan. 31 and is due here Feb. 2, sailing for Seattle via Kobe and Yokohama Feb. 14.

## FROM JAPAN.

The s.s. AGAFENOR, left Yokohama Jan. 21 and is due here via Kobe and Shanghai Feb. 8, sailing for London via Singapore Feb. 7.  
The s.s. LAOMEDON, leaves Yokohama Feb. 7 and is due here via Kobe and Shanghai Feb. 13, sailing for London via Singapore Feb. 14.  
The s.s. HYSON, leaves Yokohama Feb. 23 and is due here Mar. 19, sailing for London via Singapore Mar. 18.  
The s.s. LYCAON, leaves Yokohama Mar. 27 and is due here via Kobe and Shanghai Apr. 12, sailing for London via Singapore Apr. 11.  
The s.s. MENTOR, leaves Yokohama Apr. 10 and is due here via Kobe and Shanghai Apr. 16, sailing for London via Singapore Apr. 17.  
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| "SARAWAK" | 7,000 | 22nd Feb. | Madras & London direct. |
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|----------|-------|-----------|--------------------------------|
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## EASTERN & AUSTRALIAN SAILINGS (South)

| S.S.         | Tons  | Days     | Destination   |
|--------------|-------|----------|---|
| "ST. ALBANS" | 4,000 | 1st Feb. | Singapore, Thursday Island, Cairns, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney & Melbourne. |
| "EASTERN"    | 4,000 | 2nd Feb. | Singapore, Thursday Island, Cairns, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney & Melbourne. |

## SAILINGS TO SHANGHAI & JAPAN

| S.S.      | Tons  | Days      | Destination               |
|-----------|-------|-----------|---------------------------|
| "ITOLA"   | 4,000 | 4th Feb.  | Kobe, Shanghai, Yokohama. |
| "DILWARA" | 4,000 | 6th Feb.  | Kobe, Shanghai, Yokohama. |
| "TARAKA"  | 4,000 | 8th Feb.  | Kobe, Shanghai, Yokohama. |
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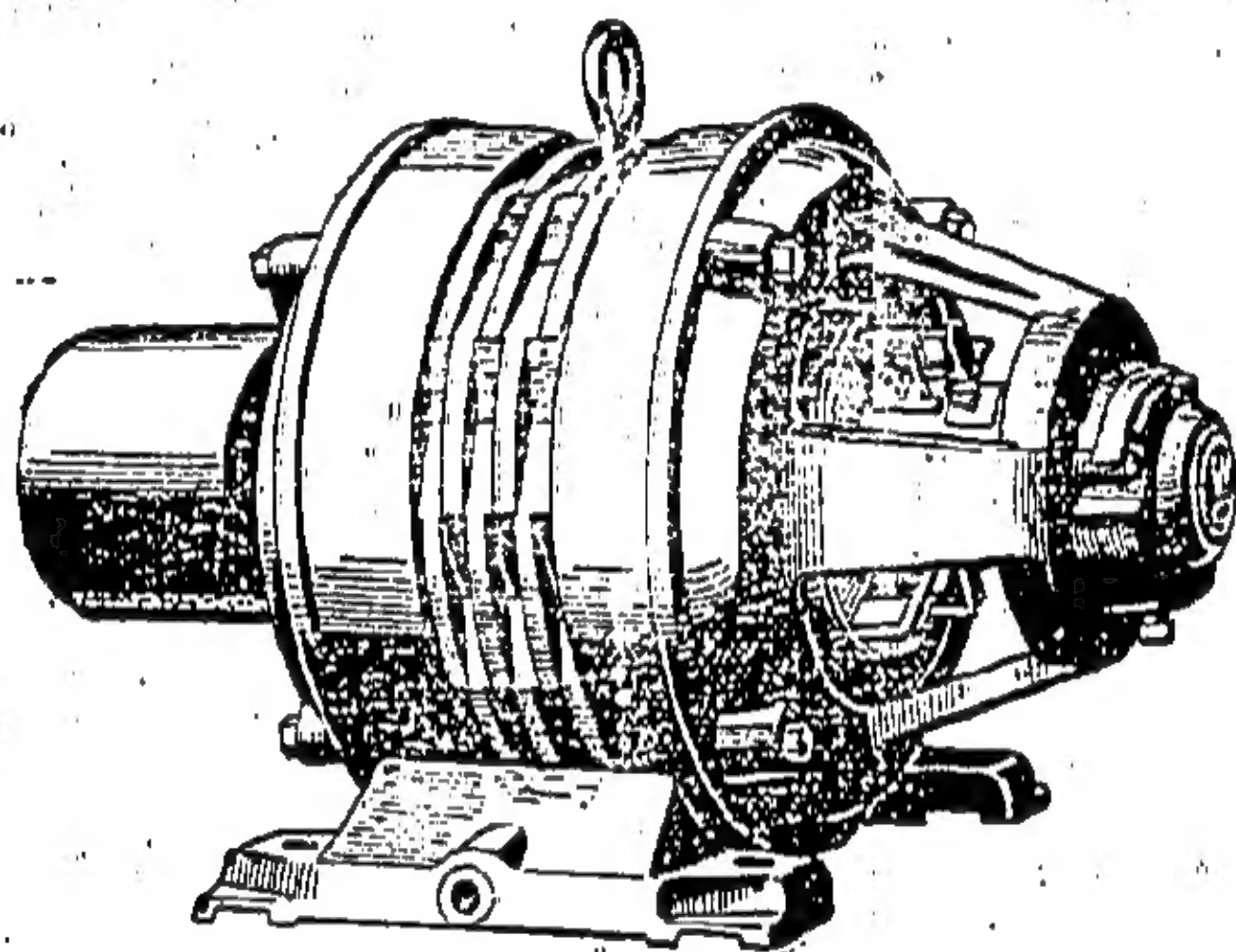
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## FIRST WOMAN TO SIGN THE ROLL

Shortly before 4 o'clock in the afternoon of Dec. 1, a Revolution happened in England. It was when, for the first time in the long history of the old Mother of Parliaments, a woman advanced up the floor of the House at the bidding of the Speaker and took her place as a representative of the people.

Perhaps it was the darkness of the day that made so few people outside the House aware of this extraordinary and historic thing that was happening inside.

There were no great crowds assembled beyond the gates, where in old days, before the war, I saw many tumultuous crowds—stirred like a living cauldron by mounted and foot police—waiting to see some women trying to storm those gates, and trying by violence, or strategy, or stealth, to get inside the precincts of Parliament.

## CHANGE OF SPIRIT.

The gates were stormed, not by violence, but by the change in the spirit of a people in whom many things have changed. Barriers of prejudice, many centuries old, were removed without any sound of a crash.

It was "Tiny," the big policeman of Palace Yard—he used to shake his helmet at the naughty little ladies in the riotous days—who opened the carriage door for the first woman member of Parliament, and said, "This way, my lady," when Lady Astor stepped towards the guarded doors which opened for her and let her pass.

Out there in the streets of Westminster, with blurred lights in the wet darkness, women of England, passing under their umbrellas, holding their dripping mackintoshes, did not see that arrival of the lady with whom arrived also a great victory for womanhood and a new era in the history of their sex.

## INVADING MAN'S SANCTUARY.

Inside the House there was a consciousness of this. The members who crowded the benches at question time were not all there on the ordinary day's business. Many watched and waited for the coming of that apparition which five years ago seemed an incredible—and to some a horrible—idea, from which conservative souls shrank, or which they ridiculed with passion.

Now it was to happen. "The Lady of the House" would be at home in this old sanctuary of men.

There were many women in the Strangers' Gallery and behind the pillars where there used to be a grille. They craned forward, staring down to the floor of the House for the first glimpse of the first woman there. But until many questions had been asked and answered there was no sign of Lady Astor.

In another gallery opposite, two women, and later a third, took their places where never before, I am told, women have sat. They were in the Reporters' Gallery, with notebooks and pencils; and old Press men made way for them, and laughed and said, "It is the beginning of the New World! Did you think you would live to see it?"

Questions were protracted by the usual supplementaries "arising out of the answer." Members cheered a little or growled. There were heated remarks of the usual kind from the usual people—all strange to me, except by name—and the Speaker rose at times with his accustomed dignity.

Presently at about 3.40 o'clock, all eyes were turned towards the swing doors opposite the Speaker's chair, which opened for a group of members.

## PORTIA'S CAP.

In the centre of them, looking up the floor of the House, up to the galleries, and then towards the Speaker, stood a slim woman's figure, smiling. She was in a dark dress, with white lapels to her coat, and a black hat, shaped, I thought, rather like a Tudor cap, as worn by Portia in the trial scene.

Men were whispering near me, "There she is!" A few laughed quietly, and one said, "Queer! It's a new moment in an old world!" Lady Astor seemed at her ease, though all eyes were upon her. And she seemed happy to be there, and rather amused at the merry adventure of this entry into a dull old place. Members passed and she gave them her hand, and they smiled at things she whispered to them.

One of them beckoned to her, and she followed him to a seat on the cross-benches below the Bar, and sat there for some minutes silently listening to the questions, conscious,

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## MEMBER FOR SOUTH CROYDON.

A little later there was a new group by the swing doors. Another new member—Sir Allan Smith, of South Croydon—was there with his sponsors, and then the Prime Minister and Mr. Balfour came and stood together, waiting for the moment to take Lady Astor "beyond the Bar."

There were more questions and more answers. The Prime Minister stood motionless, and waited patiently. Then Lady Astor left her seat and came down to them and stood between them.

It was the new member for Croydon who advanced first at the bidding of the Speaker to take his oath and sign his name, to a low chorus of approval from his party friends.

Then there was a slight pause. Lady Astor with her sponsors were "toeing the line" which represents the Bar across the House, and Lady Astor made a gesture as though to say, "Thus far and no farther," until the Speaker was ready for her.

## A FALSE START.

Mr. Balfour made a false start, then hesitated and went back, and when some members laughed, Mr. Balfour blushed. Even the Prime Minister looked just a trifle shy when he and Mr. Balfour, and she, advanced at last, as though about to perform a "pas de trois," as in some stately dance, while a very hearty and generous cheer, mingled with some laughter that was not ironical or unkind, rose from all parts of the House.

The lady was not the least embarrassed. Indeed she seemed mistress of herself, and of the assembly, and wore that little smile of merriment with which she had come in.

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The report and statements of accounts of the year's working were passed, the Chairman observing that they were satisfactory. There was a deficit of \$394.21 which had been made good out of the Reserve Fund. Extra expenditure had been involved through renovating the church. To meet an extraordinary expenditure a donation of \$5,000 had been generously given for which they were very grateful. He was glad to see the increase in the offering to the C.M.S. and the Church Missionary Association, because it was a healthy sign that the Church was progressing. The work, not only in China, but the whole world ought to be wholeheartedly supported. He deplored the fact that the number of pewholders had decreased, and made an appeal to the congregation to take up pews. He thanked all those who had held office in the previous year, and the congregation for the warmth of the reception they accorded him and his wife. They were very grateful for it. He said that there was much work before them in the present year and it could not be accomplished without the co-operation of the congregation.

The election of office-bearers then took place. The following were elected—

Members of the Vestry: Messrs. M. Whitley, N. L. H. Ralston, J. J. Robson, T. Arnold, F. H. Bourdillon, and Banker, and Major Walmsley.

Church Wardens—Messrs. J. J. Robson and F. H. Bourdillon.

Hon. Auditor—Sir C. P. Chater.

Lay Representatives—Major Walmsley and Mr. N. L. H. Ralston.

A syndicate of Swedish business men has purchased the famous collection of Chinese antiquities, formerly owned by Li Hung-chang, with a view to putting them up for auction in New York. A few choice pieces will be presented to the national Museum in Stockholm.

## CROUP.

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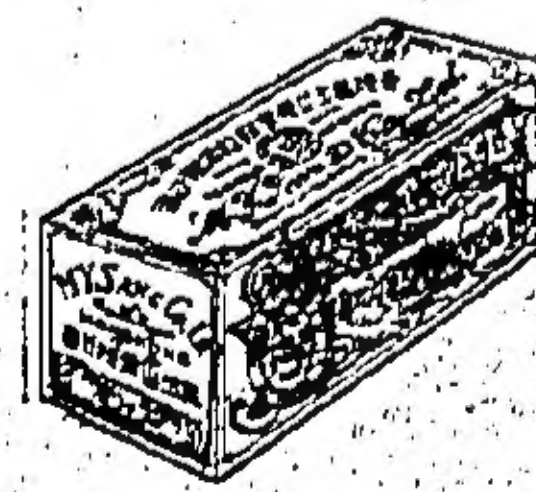
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## LADY ASTOR, M.P.

(Continued from page 8.)

The Prime Minister and Mr. Balfour slipped away, and Lady Astor was left alone between the two Front Benches at the table on which lies the mace. The Clerk of the House took her credentials, gave her the Book, administered the oath, and bade her sign her name.

**SIGNING THE ROLL.**

Several times during this ritual she turned round to smile in answer to whispered words from the Front Benches, and laughter rose again at the feminine grace which—already—was altering the ways and manners of the House.

Then she bent seriously to her business, and very firmly and calmly signed a name on a list where, since there was ever an English Parliament, no woman's name was written till now.

The Clerk of the House bowed very courteously and led her forward to the Chair, where the Speaker sits enthroned in dignity—aloof and almost inhuman in his long silences, like a sculptured figure.

But now he was human. He leaned forward and took the lady's hand held out to him at full arm's length, and drew her a little closer to his Chair, and whispered words which the House did not hear—congratulations.

The House did not hear, but was watching, and at this strange new sight of the lady by the Speaker's Chair there were chuckles of laughter, loudly audible. A voice said in warning to the Clerk of the House, "You will lose your job!" and laughter broke out again. Lady Astor bowed to Mr. Speaker and disappeared behind his Chair.

The House of Commons proceeded with the business of the day, but they knew that because that woman had come history had been altered for them, and that this advent is but the beginning of a chapter in the political life of the nation.

By a strange freak of chance, the first woman to sit as a member of Parliament is not English born. By name of Nancy Witcher Langhorne before her marriage, she is the daughter of a gentleman of Virginia, and by another curious chance this "daughter of democracy" is a peeress who now sits in the House of Commons.

Her American spirit will bring something new to our old assembly, but her woman's wit will be a greater change, and beyond all doubt she is but the forerunner of many women of our own people who will be among the legislators and contrivers of that New World which is already appearing above the horizon of old thought and old traditions.

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HONGKONG, 30th JANUARY, 1920.

## OFFICIAL QUOTATIONS.

11 A.M.

|                             |                    |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| Bankers                     |                    |
| Sterling Exchange 5/5 T. T. |                    |
| Hongkong Bank               | ... \$380 s.       |
| Market Investments          |                    |
| Canton Ins.                 | ... \$390 b.       |
| North China Ins.            | ... \$180 n.       |
| Union Ins.                  | ... \$180 n.       |
| Yangtze Ins.                | ... \$180 n.       |
| Far Easterns                | ... \$180 n.       |
| Fire Insurance              |                    |
| China Fire Ins.             | ... \$138 n.       |
| Hongkong Fire Ins.          | ... \$110 s.       |
| Shipping                    |                    |
| Douglas                     | ... \$89 s.        |
| H.K. Steamboat              | ... \$204 b. 22 s. |
| Indo-China (Pvt.)           | ... \$90 n.        |
| Do. (Def.)                  | ... \$10 n.        |
| Star Transport              | ... \$255 s.       |
| Star Furnish                | ... \$29 s.        |
| Rubber                      |                    |
| China Rubber                | ... \$200 n.       |
| Malayan Rubber              | ... \$47 n.        |
| Miscellaneous               |                    |
| Kailan Mining Adm.          | ... 145/ n.        |
| Langkats                    | ... T. 14 b.       |
| Shanghai Loans              | ... 82 s.          |
| Shanghai Bonds              | ... 48 1/2 n.      |
| Ural Oils                   | ... 48 1/2 n.      |

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| DOCK, WHARVES, GODOWNS, &c. |              |
| H. & K. Wharves             | ... \$89 s.  |
| H. & W. Dock                | ... \$110 n. |
| Shal Dock                   | ... \$110 n. |
| New Engineering             | ... \$50 b.  |

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| LANDS, HOUSES & BUILDINGS. |                      |
| Central Estates            | ... \$109 s.         |
| Hongkong Hotels            | ... \$112 b.         |
| Hongkong Lands             | ... \$104 n. ex div. |
| Humphreys                  | ... \$74 n.          |
| Kowloon Lands              | ... \$53 n.          |
| Land Reclamations          | ... \$138 n. ex div. |
| West Point                 | ... \$58 n.          |

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| COTTON, MINES.   |              |
| Ewo Cottons      | ... \$485 b. |
| Kung Yik         | ... \$300 n. |
| Laot Kung Mow    | ... \$300 n. |
| Oriental         | ... \$320 b. |
| Shanghai Cottons | ... \$34 b.  |
| Yangtze Cottons  | ... \$34 b.  |

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| MISCELLANEOUS.                 |               |
| Cement                         | ... \$6.80 s. |
| China-Borneo                   | ... \$17 b.   |
| China Lights Old 7 & New 85 b. |               |
| China-Provident                | ... \$7.70 b. |
| Dairy Farms                    | ... \$22 n.   |
| H.K. Electric                  | ... \$57 n.   |
| Macao No.                      | ... \$34 n.   |

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| Hongkong Paper      | ... \$7 s.  |
| H.K. Tramways       | ... \$7 s.  |
| Peak Tramways (Old) | ... \$7 s.  |
| do. (New)           | ... \$30 n. |
| Steam Laundry       | ... \$34 b. |
| H.K. Steel Foundry  | ... \$10 n. |
| Water-Boats         | ... \$11 b. |
| Watsons             | ... \$52 b. |
| Wm. Fowells         | ... \$12 b. |
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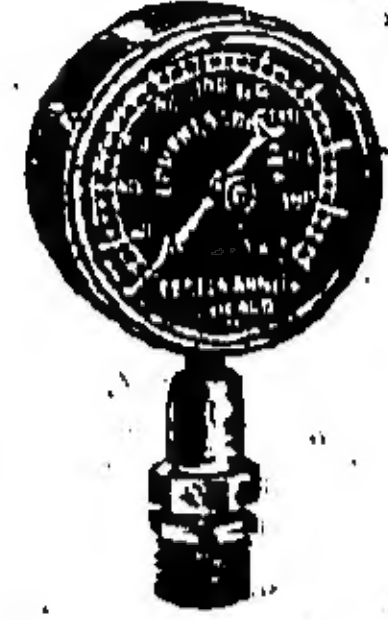
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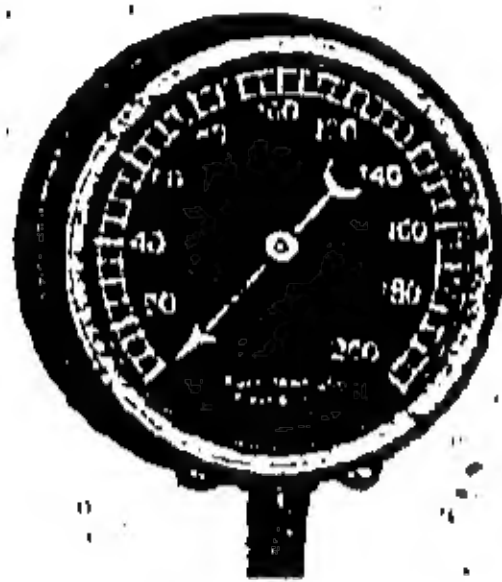
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Telegraphic Communication with Cap  
Rock Lighthouse is interrupted.

An agreement has been entered into  
between the Post Office of China and  
Hongkong for an exchange of insured  
letters. The medium of insurance is the  
Franc Currency and the maximum amount  
for which a letter may be insured is 3000  
francs.

A telegram has been received from  
the G.P.O. London stating that there  
are no restrictions on the importation of  
sugar by parcel post into the United  
Kingdom and that no parcels of sugar  
recently sent from Hongkong have been  
confiscated.

Attention is again directed to the  
necessity for more adequate packing of  
parcels addressed to United Kingdom.  
All parcels insured and ordinary to and  
from United Kingdom are now forward-  
ed in bags and very careful packing is  
necessary to ensure safe transmission.

A direct exchange of Money Orders  
with the Republic of China has come  
into operation since the 1st January,  
1920.

The Money Order Service with the  
Philippine Islands has been resumed  
since the 1st Jan., 1920.

The parcel post service to Cuba is  
suspended.

It is notified that all restrictions as  
to the use of wireless Telegraphy by  
Merchant Vessels on the China Station  
have been abolished.

The Services to Germany, Austria,  
Bulgaria and the Ottoman Empire are  
suspended.

No unofficial letter addressed to  
Abadan, Ahwas or Mohammurah in the  
Persian Gulf may exceed eight ounces in  
weight.

Registered and Parcel Mails are closed  
15 minutes earlier than the time given  
below unless otherwise stated, and where  
mails are advertised to close before 9  
a.m. registered and parcel mails are  
closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day.

In the case of Mails closing before 9 a.m.  
Registration closes at 5 o'clock on the  
previous evening.

#### INWARD MAILS.

FRIDAY, January 30.  
Shanghai—Per SUIYANG.  
SUNDAY, February 1.  
Europe—Per Negapatam—Per CHAK-  
GANG.  
Shanghai—Per SINKIANG.  
Saigon—Per DOYLESTOWN.  
TUESDAY, February 3.  
Straits—Per DILWARA.  
WEDNESDAY, February 4.  
Bombay—Per TOTOMI MARU.  
Straits and Calcutta—Per SHIMPO  
MARU.  
THURSDAY, February 5.  
Singapore—Per ITOLA.  
FRIDAY, February 6.  
Bombay—Per SHINYO MARU.

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